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# A Bold Plan **Put Forward** For Retirees In America

Why Quit at 65? Panel Asks as It Recommends Investment Accounts

> By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - A commission including members of Congress from both parties proposed a sweeping plan to shore up Social Security on Tuesday, calling for the establishment of personal investment accounts and a gradual increase in the retirement age to 70.

October of Colorogo's An Insulation Colorogo of Little of Lincoln Colorogo of Angle of Colorogo and Produced by the Epister. Have of Colorogo and Angle of Colorogo of of C The report is the most comprehensive package of recommendations to date for remaking Social Security in preparation for the baby-boom generation's retirement. It says the changes would keep Social Security solvent for at least 75 years without raising taxes, even as it trades some reductions in guaranteed benefits for the higher if less certain returns of the financial markets.

The plan "provides a solid middle ground where I see the congressional debate going over the next year," said Senator John Breaux, Democrat of Louisiana, a project leader.

Prepared after 15 months of study by the National Commission on Retirement Policy, a private group of lawmakers, economists, pension-system expens and business executives that was assembled by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the report will most likely wield considerable influence at the White House and on Capitol Hill as Democrats and Republicans seek solutions to one of the most politically sensitive issues facing the

While the committee's main recommendations are sure to be hotly debated, the report underscores the speed with which once-radical options for Social Security, like the addition of an investment component, have become part

of the political mainstream.

Powerful interest groups including the American Association of Retired Persons oppose creating private accounts within the Social Security sysem, as do many liberal Democrats.

While the congressional Democrats and Republicans on the commission backed the investment-oriented approach, the panel had no members drawn from labor unions or other groups that have fought to maintain Social Security as a guaranteed safety net against

poverty and old age.

But with the stock market booming and many people more comfortable than even a few years ago with investing on their own, Democrats, including Sen-ators Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York and Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, have joined many Republicans in backing private accounts.

The report was unanimously approved last week by the commission's 24 members, including Mr. Breaux, Representative Charles Stenholm of

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# THE OLD ORDER CONFRONTS 'PEOPLE POWER'



TESTING, TESTING — President Suharto preparing Tuesday to offer to quit once a new Parliament can be elected to appoint a successor.

# **Protesters Tell Suharto:** Resign Now, Not Later

By Keith B. Richburg Nashardon Post Set we

JAKARTA — Thousands of cheering, chanting students took over the grounds of Parliament on Tuesday, and the most outspoken critic of the Indonesian government vowed to bring "people power" into the streets in a mass rejection of President Suharto's plan to stage new elections and resign once a new leader is named.

The protesters are demanding that Mr. Suharto step down immediately, dismissing his proposal on Tuesday for a gradual transition as a stalling factic that could allow him to cling to power

The defiance of the students and of Amien Rais, who has positioned him-self at the forefront of the country's fractured and quarreling political opposition, could lead to new confrontation with the nation's powerful mil-

#### **Britons Are Urged** To Leave Indonesia

Britain urged all of its citizens to leave Indonesia as fears grew that protests called for Wednesday would turn violent. Opposition leaders say millions will take to the streets. Page 4. . Foreign companies will have to rethink their Indonesia strategies. Page 17.

itary, which is seen as backing Mi Suharto's plan for a slow turnover of power as a way to avoid the chaos of a leadership vacuum that an immediate resignation might bring.

That confrontation could come as early as Wednesday, when tens of thousands of protesters are expected to take to the streets in a show of opposition to Mr. Suharto's continued rule. The military has urged organizers to call off the protest, saying it could lead to more violence like the outburst last week that destroyed thousands of buildings and cars and left at least 500 people dead. On Tuesday night, Indonesian television ran warnings across the screen, telling viewers, "Do not be enticed to join any demonstrations, because it might trigger

Tanks and armored vehicles were positioned around the presidential palace and the national monument, the planned venue for the Wednesday protests, and barbed-wire barricades were positioned along a main commercial street that is the most likely route of the march.

On Tuesday morning, Mr. Suharto stunned the nation in a nationally televised address in which he said he had heard the calls for his resignation and had no interest in staying in power against the popular will.

There is no need to worry that I will defend my right to the presidency," Mr.

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# Financial Crisis Reshaping Asian Politics, Too

By Nicholas D. Kristof

JAKARTA - For decades, President Suharto and other Asian leaders spent billions of dollars hunting down guerrillas in the jungle or building up internal security networks to trap leftists and send them to

But when Mr. Subarto pledged in a sober television address to the nation on Tuesday that he would step down from office, the force that had led to this but a conspiracy of far more potent subversives: capitalism, markets and globalization. Instead of hiding in the jungle, they established a fifth column

in the glass-and-steel towers in the major cities, and Mr. Suharto's security forces never figured out how to handcuff them or torture them into submission. It was these forces that touched off the Asian financial crisis, and Mr. Suharto's armaments were

suddenly useless. His sophisticated military equipment can detect a guerrilla in the jungle of East Timor at ANALYSIS night, but it was unable to discern bad bank loans or prop up a tumbling currency.

So Mr. Suharto appears to be on his way out, stage after 32 years was not a Communist insurgency although the timing is uncertain. His vaguely worded pledge to step down was too imprecise for most people and the confrontation between Indonesia's people and president seems likely to continue.

The turnult here underscores the way that the financial crisis is reshaping Asian politics and society as well as business. The crisis has already ushered new governments into place in Thailand and South Korea as well as helped assure the rise of China's new prime minister, Zhu Rongji, a technocrat who knows much more about markets than

Asian leaders are being forced to open up their economies and political systems, to break the collusive links that in Asia have made Siamese twins of

the words "crony" and "capitalism. Some scholars and diplomats say they believe the

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# 3 Mexican Banks Snared in U.S. Drug-Money Sting

By Douglas Farah Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The United States has accused three of Mexico's largest banks of knowingly aiding drug traffickers in laundering hundreds of millions of dollars in illicit proceeds from the United States and painted a grim picture of the Mexican financial sec-

tor's complicity in the drug trade. In an indicament, the government said the banks were charged after a three-year sting operation in

which about 200 undercover U.S. Customs agents helped Mexican bankers launder millions of dollars through an elaborate scheme of shuffling the money

between U.S. and Mexican bank accounts. In addition to charging three banks with knowingly aiding drug traffickers, the indictment alleges that officials from 12 of Mexico's 19 largest banking institutions were involved in money-laundering ac-

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Attorney General Janet Reno said that the indictment, which was

unsealed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, was the culmination of "the largest, most comprehensive drug money laundering case in the history of U.S. law

enforcement. The investigation, they said, directly linked Mexican banks and bank officials for the first time to laundering U.S. drug profits.

The operation netted only a small fraction of the \$40

billion to \$60 billion in illicit drug proceeds reaped

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# For a Day, Students Preside in **Parliament**

By Mark Landler New York Times Service

JAKARTA - For a few surreal hours, Indonesia's political hierarchy seemed to be turned on its head on Tuesday.

Hundreds of student protesters barged into the main chamber of the House of Representatives here, filling up the seats and galleries and conducting a sort of spontaneous shadow government. A young man took the podium to offer a deadpan impersonation of General Wiranto. the defense minister and armed forces commander, while another imitated the speaker of the House, Harmoko.

Above them hung a gray eagle, Indonesia's national symbol, which had been plastered over with a banner demanding that President Suharto "stop unemployment and lower the price of food.

"I want to be just like the gov-emment." said Azhari Somaad, a 27-year-old student at Mohammadiyah University in Jakarta, after he had finished an enthusiastic if disjointed speech to his hooting classmates. "If I were in the government. I would resign and give the power back to the people."

It was the second day that the Indonesian military allowed the students to bring their demonstrations inside the gates of Parliament. And on Tuesday, a crowd of 15,000 giddy, whooping students had the run of the place — occupying lob-bies, hallways, offices, and even spilling out onto the domed roof, where they strung anti-Suharto

banners between the flagpoles. On a day when Mr. Suharto defied calls to step down immediately, the students treated the Suharto government with undisguised contempt. Loudspeakers resounded with calls for Mr. Suharto's head, while a group of students carried a freshly painted sign that said in English. We're

sick of you." "He grabbed the power, and now we have to grab it back," said Dewi Satriani, a 26-year-old ad-

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# Ireland's Renaissance Spills Over Ulster Border

By Tom Buerkle

BELFAST -- As chairman of Ulster Bank, Sir George Quigley is a pillar of the Protestant business establishment in Northern Ireland that has long looked to Britain as the main source of trade and

These days, however, Sir George has his sights fixed to the south on the astonishing boom that has transformed the Republic of Ireland from a poor, farm-dependent economy to a high-tech Celtic tiger. A flood of foreign investment has powered growth rates of 8 percent and more in recent years and lifted average incomes in the Republic above those in the North, and since last year above all of Britain, for the first

Ireland's renaissance has prompted Sir George and a growing number of northern executives to plot all-island business strategies, reflecting a belief that the economic divide between North and South is an anachronism at a time

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when Europe is dismantling border con-trols and forging a single currency to cope with globalization.

Ulster Bank itself has expanded its

network in the Republic by a third to some 120 branches in the last five years. Today the bank does more business south of the border than in Northern "It would be indicrous to have a

single market in Europe but two markets in Ireland," Sir George said in an interview at the bank's central Belfast headquarters. "Each part of Ireland ought to be able to benefit from the success of the other." This new relationship between a resurgent Irish Republic and a North eager

for economic opportunity and development has played a modest but important backstage role in the Northern Ireland peace process, many business and political leaders say.

Ireland's economic success and the growing tendency of people to see their

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STOP ME IF YOU'VE HEARD THIS ONE - President Fidel Castro of Cuba amusing President Nelson Mandela of South Africa at a World Trade Organization conference in Geneva on Tuesday, Page 5.

# AGENDA

# Bonn Balks at Aid for Airbus 'Super-Jet'

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BERLIN - Germany said Tuesday that it would not provide any state aid to Airbus's planned A3XX super-large jet project if the consortium did not complete its conversion into a single

corporate entity.

Economics Minister Guenter
Rexrodt, speaking after talks with min-

isters from France, Britain and Spain, **PAGE TWO** Bad Times for Tokyo's Good-Time Bars U.S. Satellite Firm Denies Allegations

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said that the restructuring of the world's second-largest planemaker would have to come before Bonn would help fund the development of an airliner with more than 500 seats to

compete with Boeing Co.

Transforming Airbus into a single company cannot go forward unless France privatizes Aerospatiale, which it has been reluctant to do.

#### Saudis to Free Nurses Convicted of Murder

LONDON (Reuters) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has commuted the sentences of two British nurses — De-borah Parry and Lucille McLauchlin who were convicted of murdering

an Australian colleague, and they will be released from a Saudi prison within days, the country's ambassador to London said Tuesday.

# Netanyahu's Spinmeister: A Profile in Indiscretion

Books ..

By William Drozdiak

JERUSALEM — During his career as an inter-nationally acclaimed concert pianist, David Bar-Illan rarely struck a discordant note. And when he joined the staff of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, his admirers say, Mr. Bar-Illan learned how to play the

press even better than the piano. But the reputation for polished discretion that Israel's chief spinmeister so carefully cultivated was in tatters today after The New Yorker magazine published a lengthy profile of his boss in which Mr. Bar-Illan was quoted as making highly undiplomatic re-marks, most of all about Mr. Netanyahu's wife, Sara. Acknowledging that the prime minister's third marriage has been less than blissful, Mr. Bar-Illan por- Israel, not least because it seemed to confirm earlier trayed an image of Israel's first lady as a high-strung harpie who must be monitored practically around-the-

to her husband's political career. "Look, Sara is not the most stable woman in the world," Mr. Bar-Illan was quoted as having told the author of the piece, David Remnick.

"Now she only appears at the appropriate things, receptions for children, things for the retarded or the disadvantaged. And it works. It's O.K. Finally, it's become boring to Israelis.

"Had she run half-naked through the streets, it might have been something else, but it's under control." That scathing commentary by Mr. Netanyahu's most trusted adviser unleashed an uproar throughout

accounts about Mrs. Netanyahu's shrewish behavior. Israeli tabloid newspapers have reported that she clock to prevent her from inflicting devastating blows hurled shoes at her servants, disrupting high-level government meetings and was sued by her children's nanny for "enslavement" and other forms of mal-

> Struggling to salvage her reputation and his job, Mr. Bar-Illan insisted Tuesday that his remarks were fabricated and that he could not understand how Mr. Remnick, a Pulitzer Prize-winner for a book about Russia, could have published such material.

"It is just simply a lie," Mr. Bar-Illan told Israel

Radio. But Mr. Remnick insisted that the comments

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# Japan's Good-Time Business Bars Running Dry

By Shery! WuDunn
New York Times Service

OKYO — For six years, Takashi Katakura has made weekly visits to a tiny bar where a cuddly hostess pours whisky for him as he tries to talk business with his colleagues. The bill for an evening of drinks for two comes to nearly \$500, and his company picks up only half the

tab, instead of the full amount as it did in the 1980s. Back in those more prosperous times, the rich used to step out of their Ferraris and Bentleys and check their wallets at the door of the bars or plunk down about \$8,000 and drink until the money ran out.

Between 11 P.M. and 2 A.M. the streets used to be blocked with limousines, and people had to wait a long time for a taxi.

But now there are no taxi lines. And for Mr. Katakura, a wiry, ebullient advertising executive,

the bill at the Kei bar may get more expensive yet. The entertaining business in Japan is suffering its worst slump in 70 years, partly because of difficult economic times but - more important - because of a series of scandals in which government officials were treated to lavish meals and golf outings by banks they supervised.

The effects have been whipsawing their way around business circles, threatening to dampen the economy further with more cutbacks in traditional gift-giving and entertainment.

Tokyo and other major Japanese cities are full of little bars and restaurants that charge unbelievable prices, surviving largely on expense accounts. But these days, even at the classy Kei, sales are sometimes down 30 percent, according to the owner.

'No bureaucrats will come," said Miss Miura. Some say that the change is a fundamental one and that business is coming to be conducted more openly, so that drinking sessions at such places will no longer be essential to reaching a contract. If so, the little bars could gradually disappear the way most of the great artisans of the Japanese entertainment industry, the geisha, already have.

S A WILLOWY hostess in a minidress with a plunging neckline giggled beside him, Mr. Katakura looked mournfully at his glass. He agreed that it was inappropriate for government officials to accept lavish entertainment from institutions they oversee. But he still regrets the public hostility toward entertainment.

"Entertaining bureaucrats is the wrong thing to do," he said. "But because Japan is not quite a democracy, our moral standards have not yet been fully established.'

In an effort to improve them, Parliament is debating new legislation on an ethical code for bu-reaucrats. The Nissan Motor Co. said recently that it had sent a letter to 300 clients asking them to refrain from giving presents to their staff members or entertaining them, and other companies are likely to do the same.

The Bank of Japan, the nation's central bank, cut the pay of 98 of its officials for excessive dining out, and the Finance Ministry issued similar penalties for 112 of its employees after an internal investigation into unethical entertainment.

The problem is that as Japan tries to cut back on business entertainment, it is unclear whether it can do business without it.

Japan is a highly formal, ritualized country, and



Yoko Miura, owner of a Tokyo hostess bar, says sales are down about 30 percent. Business has fallen off because of major cutbacks in company budgets and a series of scandals involving government officials.

against this background it is hard simply to get comfortable and get down to business. So the Japanese developed a tradition of inviting clients, colleagues and government officials to bars or private restaurants, called ryotei, so that people can relax and build relationships and win favors. Even so, it sometimes takes eight hours of eating and drinking and barhopping before any real information is traded or any real business is conducted.

"People don't open up in formal settings, so dining is really a part of the Japanese culture," said Yukio Okamoto, a former Foreign Ministry official who now runs his own consulting company. "I don't go home on weekdays until midnight. All my dinners are taken up with meeting people."

Indeed, Mr. Okamoto said that he usually schedules dinners are taken up with meeting people.

ules two dinners a night.

The ties between government and industry may not have been proper, but the entertaining at least served to promote the flow of information between the two sides. Now the banks and the brokerage houses have drastically cut down on their entertaining, and relations between the Finance Ministry and the financial industry have become so strained that the two sides hardly talk to one another.

"They've ceased functioning," a senior bank executive who insisted on anonymity said of the Finance Ministry. "There is no communication. They are isolated from the market."

Momoki Koike, who runs his own bar in Ginza, said, "The scandals have had some impact. For securities companies and banks, when the top people get arrested, the subordinates don't feel like

going out to drink.' Roran, one of the most notorious restaurants in the latest wave of scandals, has apparently been forced to shut down for now. A members-only club, it served "no-pan shabu-shabu." As everybody in Japan now knows, this refers to the Japanese meat dish known as shabu-shabu served by waitresses with "no-pan" - meaning no panties.

It was a favorite of a few Finance Ministry officials who have now been arrested for receiving

HE MINISTRY of Finance was the leading guide for the finance industry. For years banks had special liaisons, called Mof-tans, whose job was to cultivate ties with ministry officials to learn about coming rules, seek approval for new products and simply gauge the direction of policy by collecting tidbits of information from the officials.

"They would call up and say, 'We'd like to talk about something, but we can't talk about it until after 7 P.M.,' "said a Japanese banker, who spoke on the condition he not be identified. The result is that the Most target and other banker, would spend that the Mof-tans and other bankers would spend their evenings and their weekends entertaining ministry officials.

But now the banks and brokerage houses have abolished the Mof-tans and no banker dares invite any government official out to dinner or the golf course. One government official remarked that young officials at his ministry are spurning even cups of coffee from corporations, for fear of compromising ethical standards.

"I can't accept your invitation," said a senior Finance Ministry official after he was invited to lunch recently. "Lunch with a lady? Can you imagine the weeklies snapping my picture?"

# Kabila's Principal Allies Growing Disenchanted

By Lynne Duke Washington Post Service

KINSHASA, Congo — The close ties between President Laurent Kabila's Congo and his key regional allies, Rwanda and Uganda, have begun to fray as the two neighboring nations grow increasingly concerned about Mr. Kabila's policies, according to regional and diplomatic sources.

Rwanda and Uganda have been widely viewed in diplomatic and African governmental circles as Mr. Kabila's benefactors. Along with Angola and Burundi, they supplied the military might that enabled Mr. Kabila's rebel forces to seize power last year.

Now, however, friction among the three over continued instability in eastern Congo, as well as other issues, has created what Congolese officials char-acterize as a subtle power struggle in Central Africa, which is anchored by Congo, Africa's third-largest nation.

After Rwanda's and Uganda's heads of state did not attend a planned regional summit meeting in Kinshasa or the cel-ebration of Mr. Kabila's first anniversary in power Sunday, a Western diplomat here said the absences were part of a pattern of Uganda and Rwanda distancing themselves from Mr. Kabila.

With several other nations' delegations present or en route, Mr. Kabila's government took the embarrassing step of canceling the meeting at the last minute. As its reason, it cited the border conflict that broke out last week be-

tween Ethiopia and Eritrea.

"We think it's a setback, but it's not the end of the world," a high-level government official in Kinshasa said of the summit cancellation and the sub-sequent attendance of only two heads of state — from Zimbabwe and the Central African Republic — at Mr. Kabila's anniversary event.

The principal irritant within the once close Congo-Uganda-Rwanda alliance is a perception in the region and abroad that Mr. Kabila's inexperienced government behaves erratically and attempts to project itself as a greater power than it is, the Western diplomat

"I don't think he's seen as an equal by most of the regional leaders," the diplomat said of Mr. Kabila, asserting that the Congo leader lacked the experience and finesse of the allies that helped put him in power. The diplomat said that Western powers also hold this view and that their feedback may help shape regional views on Congo.

A senior Congolese political official said that Uganda in particular treats Congo as if it were a client state. The official speculated that President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda may feel a heightened sense of importance after hosting a regional summit meeting in March as part of President Bill Clinton's African tour.

"It's nonsense to believe that this Uganda," the official said. "This country is bigger, has more resources, has nine borders. It can't be a client of small countries like that.

More specifically, there is disagreement over how to handle the insurgencies that are plaguing all three countries, as well as Burundi, along their common borders.

The longevity of the Congo-Rwanda-

Uganda alliance has been a closely watched dynamic in Central Africa watched dynamic in Central Africa since Rwanda flexed its military muscle by backing Mr. Kabila's 1996-97 rebellion in Congo, which then was named Zaire. With the help of Rwandan — and eventually Angolan — troops and logistical backing from Uganda, Mr. Kabila marched across Congo, chasing the dictator Mobitu Sees Seko into exile in Morocco, where he died a few months later.

Rwanda and Uganda each had specific security interests at stake in the former Zaire. Since taking power by toppling the Hutu-extremist government that killed a half-million people or more in 1994, Rwanda's minority Tutsidominated government had been plagued by Hutu former soldiers and militiamen who were launching attacks into Rwanda from UN refugee camps inside Zaire. Ugandan rebels also used Zaire as a base from which to attack into Uganda. These rebel forces, along with the gradual collapse of Marshal Mobutu's state machinery, had transformed the construction. formed the once prosperous commercial region of eastern Zaire into a wasteland

conflict. Mr. Kabila's backers saw his rebellion, begun in October 1996, as a way to solve those problems. But a year after the war's end, the eastern rebel problem persists, and the three countries do not gree on how to solve it.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

# Cash in Times Square

NEW YORK (NYT) - Automated teller machines are hard to find on Times Square, but that will change in July,

when a Boston bank plans to install more than a dozen ATM's at two locations.

Fleet Financial Group plans to install the machines as part of a marketing push to increase its 10 percent share of the banking business in the New York area, Of course, it being Times Square,

there will be a very big sign.

Over the machines at Broadway and 46th Street will be a 30-foot-high, 80-foot wide (9 meter by 24 meter) electronic sign. The top of the sign will be a replica of a Fleet ATM with a moving bank card and a \$20 bill coming out of a slot.

"If you are looking for an ATM in Times Square you won't have any trough

Times Square, you won't have any trouble finding one anymore," said Anne Finucane, the bank's senior vice president for corporate marketing.

#### Taiwan Airline Freeze

TAIPEI (Reuters) — Taiwan on Tuesday ordered the country's flag carrier not buy or lease any more aircraft until it improves its air safety standards.

The order comes three months after a China Air Lines Airbus crashed in Taipei. country could be a client of Rwanda or killing all 196 people aboard and six on the ground in the country's worst air disaster. China Air Lines said the buyin freeze would have no effect on already approved plans to buy 15 aircraft.

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Motorists in the Gulf emirate of Dubai who fail to keep a safe distance from the car in front now risk having their vehicle impounded and paying a fine of up to \$400, police said. (AFP)

# Senate Tackles Broad Curb on Smoking

By Saundra Torry Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The Americans. Senate on Tuesday began considering one of the most amhas attempted in decades.

The bill proposes to reach across the country to curtail smoking in most workplaces and public buildings, strip many city streets of cigarette billboards, eliminate cigarette vending machines, pay for substantial new medical research and fund an unprecedented campaign to deglam- stopping teenagers. orize smoking, especially

among teenagers.

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The "National Tobacco Policy and Youth Smoking bitious pieces of legislation it Reduction Act," which could be voted on by the end of the week, would impose the largest price increase ever on cigarettes and broad restrictions on a \$50 billion industry that was once considered politically invincible. Its goal is to reduce tobacco's toll on the nation's health and to change the culture of smoking by

That the Senate is consid-

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such monumental change on that complicated legislation it?" asked Tom Korologos, a a major industry and to affect can find a fatal end in Washington. In this case, the driving force has been an unwavering public disdain for

kind of change.

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the tobacco industry and growing insistence on some Added to that is the tan-

talizing prospect of hundreds of billions of dollars in new government revenue from the proposed price hikes. "The thing that's driving this now is the hunger for money. said an anti-smoking activist, Michael Pertschuk.

Most analysts predict that major legislation will emerge ering such change has from a tumultuous week of Seldom has Congress amazed political observers debate. How forcefully the moved so quickly to work familiar with the many ways Senate acts will determine in legislation in the House, which will take up the issue

this summer. If it survives there, the final legislation would be written after negotiations among the House. Senate and White House.

Who dares vote against

DEATH NOTICE The Tanner family

Henry Tanner former New York Times and

reporter, who died in Normandy a funeral service will be held at the Functatium des Batignolles,

10. rue Pierre-Rebierre, Paris 17 at 2 P.M. on Tuesday, May 26, No flowers He is survived by his wife, Christine, his son, Vic, and daughter in law, Caroline,

and granddaughter, Catherine

veteran lobbyist. "I think the thing passes 80 to 20."

Many say they believe the Senate measure will set the ceiling for stringent antismoking legislation.

It is an audacious exercise for the Senate, where Big Tobacco has wielded clout for

And the coming debate over a bill that the industry is spending millions to kill underscores the precipitous fall tobacco's fortunes in Washington.

As it stands now, the bill would do these things: • Impose a fee of \$1.10 a

pack over five years on cigarette makers, which they part the prospects for similar must pass on to consumers the biggest government-im-posed increase ever. Federal taxes now are 24 cents a pack, set to rise to 39 cents in 2002.

• Give the Food and Drug Administration broad authority over tobacco products, including marketing restrictions that would ban tobacco billboards within 1,000 feet (300 meters) of schools and eliminate cartoon characters and color in cigarette ads.

Settle multibillion-dollar

lawsuits by more than 40 states and localities against the industry and limit the payment of industry damages in law-suits to \$6.5 billion a year.

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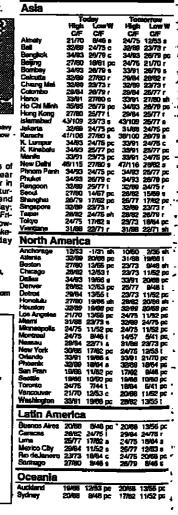
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prostate cancer in the United States each year, Dr. Labrie said at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology here. But some other experts said that weaknesses in the study's methods left its resuits open to serious question. For that reason, some said, they would not recommend that massive screening for prostate cancer be carried out

until more data are available. This is an important and visionary study, Dr. Derek Raghavan, chief of medical oncology at the University of Southern California, said at a news conference at the oncology meeting. But he added, "I'd have to say I'm not

yet convinced." Two more big studies, one in the United States and one in Europe, are under way to address the question of whether screening saves lives, but results are not expected for years.



# THE AMERICAS

## Satellite Firm Denies Benefiting From Gifts Meanwhile, the speaker of waiver it received early this rying a Loral-made satellite. personally involved in any as-

By Roberto Suro and Juliet Eilperin

WASHINGTON - In its first detailed response to altechnology exports to China, a major U.S. aerospace company has denied that it are able treatment from the Clinquested or received "political kind" in exchange for cam-

paign donations. As Republican leaders in Congress said they were considering naming a special ment moved closer to open-Space & Communications the 1996 crash of a Chinese The Loral statement said Ltd. said Monday that a "Long March" missile car: that Mr. Schwartz "was not

year to export satellite technology to China was 'handled in a routine way' by the U.S. government.

"No political favors or legations it received favor- benefits of any kind were requested or extended, directly

The company also said earlier allegations that its space favors or benefits of any systems division "provided missile guidance technology to the Chinese are false."

The Justice Department opened one criminal investigation last year to determine whether Loral and Hughes committee to investigate the matter and the Justice Departed laws regarding the export ing a criminal case, Loral of sensitive technologies after

Chinese investigation into the turned over information that ton since 1989." would improve the missile's

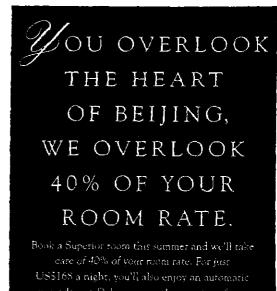
tinizing those allegations, Loral sought and was granted permission by the White House this year to return to China for another commercial satellite launch. Republicans say the decision was influby the chief executive officer gation of the 1998 waiver. of Loral, Bernard Schwartz, the party's largest single donor for the 1996 election.

The Loral statement said

In reviewing the results of a pect of this matter" and that the waiver this year was "one crash's cause, Loral and of 16 such waivers approved Hughes technicians allegedly by Presidents Bush and Clin-

The Justice Department's guidance systems, despite campaign finance task force, S. policy against doing so. which is investigating a vari-With Justice already scru- ety of allegations connected to 1996 campaign contributions, met on Monday to review the Loral matter but reached no conclusion on how to proceed. But officials involved in the discussions said it appeared increasingly enced by \$632,000 in donations to the Democratic Party a full-scale criminal investi-

the House, Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, is considering establishing a select committee to investigate the Loral matter and the broader allegation that the Chinese government sought to buy influence with the administration by coordinating a plan to illegally funnel as much as S2 million into U.S. political campaigns. Justice's investigation of the alleged 'China plan" advanced recently when the Democratic fund-raiser Johnny Chung told prosecu-tors that a Chinese military of-ficer had given him \$300,000 to use in U.S. campaigns.



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# Congress Waters Down High-Tech Immigration Drunken-Driving Rule

'STOP THE KILLING!' - Residents of Barrancabermeja, Colombia, chant-

ing for peace after death squads killed at least 11 people in the oil town.

POLITICAL NOTES

WASHINGTON — Responding to loud pleas from Silicon Valley, the Senate voted WASHINGTON — Congressional neoverwhelmingly Monday to allow as many gotiators say they rejected a tough new as 30,000 additional foreign engineers and national standard for drunken driving to other high-technology workers into the reach agreement on a \$200 billion transcountry over the next four months. portation bill, a move that was immediately denounced by highway safety groups as a

Negotiators for the House and Senate must

still work out the complex formulas that

will dictate how the transportation funds

The announcement Monday on the drunk-

of weeks of intense lobbying pitting such groups as Mothers Against Drunk Driving

and the Clinton administration against res-

taurant owners and beer wholesalers, in what

one congressional official called "deep

The negotiators rejected a Senate plan to

Screening Backed

lung cancer.

idence that routine screening screening stems from the fact

controversial question: Does prostate cancer would cost a screening apparently healthy lot — some \$12 billion a year

men for prostate cancer save by one estimate - and sub-

lives in the same way that ject men to needless surgery

periodic mammograms do for or radiation therapy that can

women, or does it merely sub- cause impotence and incon-

ject men to treatments for tu- tinence and, in rare cases,

mors that in many cases even death, Dr. Raghavan

The controversy about

that many elderly men devel-

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Screening all American

men above age 40 or 50 for

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will be allocated among states.

emotions versus deep pockets.

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By Andrew Pollack

New York Times Service

⇒ LOS ANGELES — A new

study provides the first ev-

of men for prostate cancer can

substantially reduce deaths

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al to shed light on a highly

would not harm them? The study, by Dr. Fernand Labrie and colleagues at Lav-

al University in Quebec,

found that men who underwent screening had a death

rate from prostate cancer less

than one third that of men who were not screened. Such

a 69 percent reduction in

deaths would translate into

27,000 fewer deaths from

The research, carried out

on 46,000 men in Quebec, is not kill.

from the disease.

Designed to address the labor shortage in the burgeoning information technology incapitulation to the liquor lobby.

Congressional leaders had expressed dustry, which is expected to create as many as 1.3 million jobs over the next decade, the concern that a protracted battle over the issue would stall passage of the overall bill, bill increases the annual cap on temporary visas for such skilled workers to 95,000 which Congress is rushing to complete this week, and delay essential road, bridge and until 2002. It also removes the limits on how many permanent employment visas can be mass transit programs around the country.

The transportation bill represents one of the largest public works plans in history, calling for spending \$167 billion over the next six years on highway projects and about \$33 billion on mass transit programs.

Magoriature for the House and Senate must granted to natives of a particular country.
"We can allow people who want these

jobs to come to America, or we can allow the companies with the jobs to go to other places," Senator John Ashcroft, Republican of Missouri, said before the 78-20 vote.

The House Judiciary Committee is scheduled to take up a similar measure this

#### en driving measure marked the culmination **Quote/Unquote**

In Prostate Cancer

the impotence drug Viagra, will be able to get refunds and the company that sold them must pay \$167,500 in fines, a state court in Kanasa City. Missoner miles (A.P.)

Charles Bakaly, a lawyer and top spokes-man for the office of the independent counsel Kenneth Start. "My title is counselor. I advise Starr on investigative strategy and communication of the office's work to the American people through the media. We've decided that we will aggressively try to not enact the new standard in favor of a correct misinformation out there, and we will House version that would provide more my to make as much information available to (NYT) the public as we're allowed to do." (WP)

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# A Fabrication,' China Asserts

#### Beijing Denies General's Daughter Donated to Clinton

By John Pomfret Mashington Post Service

BELJING — China labeled as "sheer fabrication" on Tuesday a report that the daughter of a Chinese general funneled cash to the Democratic Party in an effort to buy policy concessions from the Clinton administration.

In two statements, the Foreign Ministry and China elections," said Zhu Bang-Aerospace Corp., which manufactures rockets and engages in satellite launches, denied that Lieutenant Colonel Liu Chaoying of the People's Liberation Army gave money to Party fund-raiser, in 1996.

Mr. Chung told the U.S. Justice Department he transferred more than \$100,000 the Democratic National Committee and President Bill Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign, U.S. officials have said. The White House has said there was no connection between the reported contributions and its decision to ease U.S. sanctions against China to allow U.S. companies to launch their satellites on Chinese rockets.

Lieutenant Colonel Liu's tion of the matter and found parent firm, China Aerospace that "none of the company's Corp., is interested in launching commercial satellites for companies in the United States and other countries.

"Recently, some people and media in the United States speculated again about so-called participation by Chinese individuals in political donations during the U.S. zao, a Foreign Ministry spokesman. "It is sheer fabrication and is intended to

slander China. Beijing, Mr. Zhu added, "has never, nor will we ever, Johnny Chung, a Democratic use money to influence Party fund-raiser, in 1996. American politics."

Lieutenant Colonel Liu is trolled by China Aerospace and the daughter of General Liu Huaqing. A veteran of China's Long March and the Korean War, General Liu retired as vice chairman of the Communist Party's powerful Central Military Commission

A statement by China Aerospace said the company had carried out an investiga-

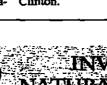
members had been involved in any way in political fundraising. "Liu herself," the state-ment said, "stated clearly that

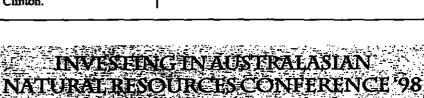
the accusations are groundless and based on rumor."

At the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Zhu attributed the reports in the American press to a scheme by "some people who are not willing to see the improvement in U.S.-China relations. They went so far as to resort to rumors and lies. But their political plot will never get anywhere.

Mr. Chung, who pleaded guilty to campaign financerelated charges last March, the vice president for inter- has told federal investigators national trade of a Hong he received \$300,000 in the from the Chinese military to Kong-listed company con-summer of 1996 from Lieutenant Colonei Liu with the understanding that the money would be used to make contributions to Democratic Party campaigns, according to officials familiar with his

In July 1996, she accompanied Mr. Chung to a Los Angeles fund-raiser and was photographed with President Clinton.





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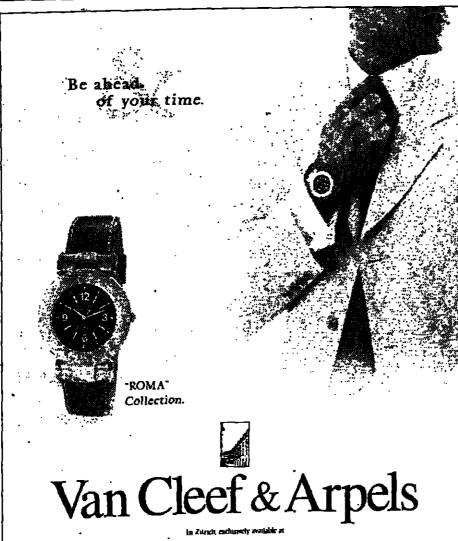
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# Call Goes Out **For Britons** To Evacuate Indonesia

LONDON - Britain on Tuesday urged all of its citizens still in Indonesia to leave the country immediately. The British Embassy in Jakarta bussed people to the airport for a late flight.

Although Indonesia was relatively

calm Tuesday, there was fear of fresh violence Wednesday, a national holiday, when opposition leaders have vowed to bring millions of protesters onto the streets despite hints of a military crack-

Several embassies in Jakarta have chartered a total of more than 100 emergency flights to evacuate nonessential staff and thousands of foreigners to nearby foreign cities, including Singa-

pore and Bangkok.

"We would like people to get out as quickly as possible," a junior minister in the British Foreign Office, Derek Fatchett said Tuesday on BBC radio. "The key thing for their own safety is

to get out of Indonesia," he said. He added: "If they can get out of Indonesia in the next 24 hours, then that is all well and good.'

"Our estimate is that we are talking about hundreds of British citizens rather than thousands," Mr. Fatchett said. He said that British Airways was

sending two extra aircraft to Indonesia to evacuate people. A British Airways official said that about 1,800 Britons had left the country in the last few days.

The government of Taiwan ordered additional steps Tuesday to evacuate its nationals. The Taiwan Foreign Ministry said it had chartered flights by China Airlines and EVA Airways for evacuations on Wednesday.

Japan also stepped up its evacuation operations, dispatching four more air force transport planes and a coast guard patrol boat as well as chartering commercial aircraft.

Four C-130 Hercules transport planes left the Komaki Air Base in central Japan Tuesday for the Paya Lebar Air Base in Singapore, Japanese officials said.
Two other C-130s were dispatched

late Monday. Each of the planes can carry about 80 people. They are ex- Mr. Suharto's promise to pected to be used in shuttling Japanese hold new elections as a from Indonesia to nearby countries for cynical maneuver by an commercial flights home.

More than 2,000 Japanese citizens

have fled Indonesia since Monday, but the face of overwhelming there are still more than 10,000 in the country, Japanese officials said.

The coast guard patrol boat, dis-patched from Okinawa, the 5,300-ton just know I don't believe Mizuho, can carry up to 500 people. It has two helicopters aboard. Japanese officials said it would be about five days before the Mizuho reached waters off Indonesia. A second patrol boat was on people other than students standby for a similar mission, they and journalists. But the

In Jakarta, the U.S. and Japanese em- to the sprawling complex bassies closed their gates Tuesday for all and gave the students free but emergency services for their cit- rein.

The two embassies temporarily halted visa services due to reduced staff.

The Japanese Embassy said its visa office would not be reopened until after lobbies and stairwells, banging plastic the demonstrations Wednesday.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman, Richard Gong, said the embassy's visa office hausted by the hard work of protesting would reopen Friday if conditions per-

Meanwhile, the Australian Embassy has flown in additional staff to assist its dents stormed into a committee room overburdened immigration office, and pulled down a portrait of Mr. which received 1,000 visa applications Monday, an embassy spokesman, John Milne, said. There was a long line of visa later, a delegation of army generals held applicants outside the embassy Tues- a meeting with students and professors



Students shouting slogans and waving flags as they climbed to the roof of the Indonesian Parliament building in Jakarta on Tuesday.

# PROTESTS: Students Romp Through Parliament Unchecked

"We didn't take it down," said Major

General Ahmad Rustandy, with a sheep-

ish smile. "Please don't say that we

But it was in the cavernous, wood-

paneled House chamber that the students

gave the most vivid demonstration of

their contempt for the government. Long

the inner sanctum of a legislative body

that meekly ratified Mr. Suharto's rule,

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vertising student at the University of Indonesia. "He's been president for 32 years, so it is not easy for him to give it up." Like most students,

Miss Satriani was disappointed but not surprised by Mr. Suharto's televised address. Watching the speech with friends in a common room at the University of Indonesia on Tuesday morning, she shook her head in disgust as the president laid out the conditions for his depar-

Miss Satriani dismissed Mr. Suharto's promise to autocrat unwilling to relax his grip on power, even in rejection. "I haven't got any idea of what he is planhim anymore.'

Rows of soldiers guarded the gates of Parliament, refusing entry to soldiers did not venture in-

Hundreds of students An art student performing a dance in front of the Parmingled under a tropical liament in Jakarta on Tuesday. Students occupied the buildsun outside the building. Inside, they camped out in

water bottles on the floor in thunderous chants against Mr. Suharto. Those exslept peacefully under newspapers amid

On Tuesday morning, a group of stu-Suharto, leaving a portrait of the vice president, B. J. Habibie. A few hours (Reuters, AP, AFP) under the conspicuously absent portrait.

around the room on the desktops. Others heckled the speakers by tossing wads of paper at them. And the unofficial leaders sitting on the rostrum elbowed each other out of the way as they tried to get a turn at the podium.

The students mocked General Wiranto, who disappointed them on Tuesday by announcing that the army would support Mr. Suharto. But they also taunted Mr. Harmoko, the House speaker, who de-manded Monday that Mr. Suharto resign, only to back off somewhat Tuesday after the chilly response from General Wiranto and Mr. Suharto

himself. Asked why they were mocking Parliament when Mr. Harmoko had lent his support to them, a student said: "The Parliament doesn't have the mandate of the people. We can't

take it seriously. Indeed, the military's decision to allow the students to take over the Parliament could be seen as something of a rebuke to Mr. Harmoko, who like many Indonesians uses only one name. Mr. Harmoko is the third-ranking political official in Indonesia, and the House of Reping, demanding the resignation of President Suharto. resentatives is his seat of

power. Despite the joyous tone of the protest Tuesday, some students acknowledged that the party atmosphere could easily be shattered by army gunfire — especially with huge protests planned for Wednesday near the presidential palace. Andri Galhawin, a 22-year-old engineering student at the University of Indonesia, pulled aside a visitor amid the rancous speech-making in the House chamber

the House chamber became a play-"We don't want violence," he said Students in khaki uniforms from the with quiet intensity. "We need to persuade the army of our moral force. Indonesian Maritime Academy sprinted

TOKYO — The long-stymied expansion of Japan's single-runway Narita airport moved a step forward Tuesday with the sale of land

An airport construction official said that Naokatsu Ogawa, 53, agreed late Monday to sell 1.6 hectares (3.9 acres) to Narita airport authorities, but the price was not disclosed.

His cousin Kuniaki, 57, is negotiating with the authorities for the sale of his own 3.2 hectares, the

The only major holdouts now are two farmers whose six hectares of land stand in the way of a second runway for Narita, one of the most

case that activists say tests Hong Tuesday convicted four protesters of assaulting and obstructing po-

Outside the courthouse, about 20 members human rights activ-

anger. The protesters shouted and waved banners saying: "Police have too much power. People have

Activists claim the arrests of the four were politically motivated and aimed at stifling dissent. But Magistrate Richard David Donald ruled the police were only protecting pub-

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# Airport Expansion Advances in Tokyo

needed for a second runway by a farmer who had opposed the project for decades.

official said.

#### Hong Kong Court Convicts Dissidents

HONG KONG — In the latest

ists protested the verdict. Some painted their faces with crosses and question marks to show their

no more human rights."

lic order. The four were fined between \$100 and \$385.



extremely unlikely if the financial crisis alization that is bringing down Mr. Army tanks guarding buildings in Jakarta's financial district on Tuesday, a day ahead of a planned mass protest.

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result is a landmark in the decline of the old order in Asia.

Economically and politically, what we're seeing today is a watershed," said Linda Tsao Yang, the American envoy to the Asian Development Bank. "You look at country after country, from Thailand to South Korea, and you find governments that are more accountable to the people, with more rule of law, with less rule by man or connections.

major changes and have a peaceful transition period," Ambassador Yang added, "then the Asia that emerges will be much stronger for the exercise."

It is difficult to exaggerate how stunning some of the changes are. A year ago, it would have been almost inconceivable that thousands of Indonesian university students would take over the Parliament building and shout "Hang Suharto!" as they did Tuesday, or that the resident of South Korea's presidential mansion would be Kim Dae Jung, the longtime dissident whom the mansion's previous residents repeatedly jailed and tried to kill.

and Mr. Kim's rise to it would have been In the end, she argues, it was globhad not created broad dissatisfaction Suharto.

with the existing order. The changes will take many years, perhaps decades, and they are occurring at a different pace in each country. But the process seems underway in much of the region and it involves opening up

society and business as well as politics. It used to be that each country tended to be governed in part by a quasi-aristocracy of elites who married their children off to each other and controlled key positions in government, business, and rational economic structure," said academia and the news media. This ar- Han Sung Joo, a South Korean political istocracy relied on exchanging favors politicians gave preferences to their banking buddies, who reciprocated by freely now, any economy that looks

providing cheap loans - but now that web of favors is in disgrace.

The eclipse of the old elites is most evident in South Korea, where a tiny cadre of middle-aged men came from the best families and knew each other from school days and ran the country together. In contrast, people from the southwest region of Cholla represented the bottom of the social barrel, scorned as country bumpkins and excluded from good jobs or from marrying into respectable families.

But President Kim is from Cholla, and 'If the region can survive the major, he has brought with him into the government a new corps of elite officials who are also from Cholla. And so the old elites, who had tied their fortunes entirely to a ruling party that is no longer a ruling party, seem as bewildered by the loss of their birthright as the Romanovs must have been.

Most analysts say that the old system has been so shattered that it can never be reassembled. Capitalism nurtures an emerging middle class and creates pressures for change that eventually become irresistible.

"If you want to practice capitalism, you need a pluralist system to make it sustainable," said Dewi Fortuna Anwar, Both Mr. Suharto's fall from grace a prominent political analyst in Jakarta.

To be sure, America and Europe also used to be run by tiny and incestuous elites that functioned as ruling classes. But even if the pressures for pluralism that triumphed in the West have been around for a long time, the forces of globalization seem to be speeding up the process.

globalized world, where you have to have a more transparent, competitive scientist and former foreign minister. "Since capital can go in and out more

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opaque will suffer now in a way different are going to sweep across Asia. But even Asian countries that authoritarian sys-from the 1970s and '80s," Mr. Han in countries like Malaysia, where the terms created stability and thus promoted to get away with it. Now they can't."

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of people like Mr. Suharto.
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added. "These countries used to be able government remains firmly in control, economic growth. But now few people the links between government and busi-

an implicit social contract: leaders awarding of contracts without bidding, order over freedom. promised to make people wealthy and, in the amassing of huge wealth - all this will be affected by the economic crisis." rule largely without check and to enrich their families and acquaintances. But the scholar at the East-West Center in Hon-

More broadly, the Asian crisis has changed the intellectual basis for the will want to have their voices heard and discussion of national policies. It used to taken seriously and have some degree of be widely accepted in China and other participation in decision-making.

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> "The crisis has dealt a blow to what was fashionably presented as the 'Asian model' - an autocratic, highly concentrated, command model," said Ambassador Yang.

"At a minimum, most people now

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Suharto said, looking relaxed and smil-ing benevolently. "I do not feel the honor of being a simple citizen is any less than the honor of being president. Let me not stand in the way of the desires of our people."

He then promised to set up a new 'reform council' that would draw up plans for new elections to be held "as quickly as possible.

The Parliament elected at that time would choose the country's new leadership. But Mr. Suharto gave no specific timetable for the transition, and said that 'at the moment, I remain president."

He said he planned to name a new "reform cabinet" to help him begin carrying out needed changes.

Many at first viewed Mr. Subarto's

startling resignation pledge as momentous, bringing an end to an era that began 32 years ago when the former general took over against the backdrop of similar economic and political turmoil. Some analysts said his proposal for a stage-managed resignation, and his insistence on adhering to the constitution, were aimed at both allowing him a graceful, face-saving exit while leaving him some say in choosing his successor and enough time to guarantee that his family's considerable business interests are protected.

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change, Bloomberg News reported.

[The dollar fell to 12,250 rupiah in Jakarta, from 12,700 rupiah on Monday, while the benchmark stock index jumped 6.4 percent, to 413.82 points. Companies with links to Mr. Suharto, like PT Bimantara Citra, controlled by Bambang Trihatmodjo, a son of Mr. Suharto, rose on the view that the president had bought time with his concession.]

Salim Said, a political scientist and a specialist on the Indonesian military, said Mr. Suharto's proposal was "the best thing we can have now — the maximum we can have - so nobody loses face."

"This shows you that Suharto is still a great politician," he added. "We were about to write the requiem for Suharto. But he has found a way out that to most reasonable people is the maximum we can achieve.

"He really wants to leave in a graceful way," Mr. Said said, "and the only way he can do that is the compromise he recited this morning."

Juwono Sudarsono, an academic who

joined the cabinet as environment minister in March, said that under the plan, Mr. Suharto would be out of office by the end of the year. Mr. Juwono, in a television interview, said Mr. Suharto was trying to balance two conflicting interests: "On the one hand, the students want him to resign immediately. On the other hand, the armed forces want to have

a gradual and constitutional change." He said there were fears that a quick resignation "would lead to greater chaos and disintegration of the nation.'

But to the growing number of Suharto critics — including the students on the streets and the opposition politicians trying to harness the popular discontent the president's plans for a "managed" transition were viewed with suspicion.

His opponents sensed they had now seized the momentum in Indonesia's ongoing political drama, and on Tuesday their demands appeared to harden: They would accept nothing less than the im-mediate resignation of both Mr. Suharto and his vice president, B. J. Habibie.

"The problem with his statement was he just kept going around in circles," said Indra Goenawan, 20, a student at Jakarta's medical technical academy. "We just want the president to step down - there shouldn't be any problem with that."

The students have taken the lead in the opposition, often leaving politicians trying to keep up.

Mr. Rais, who heads the country's second-largest Moslem organization, Muhammadiyah, with 28 million members, said Mr. Suharto was "full of illusions and hallucination" for thinking he could stay in place to manage the transition. "He will be defeated very soon," said Mr. Rais, taking an uncompromising stance. "He does not know what is going on in his own society."

Mr. Rais repeated his vow to bring a million people onto the streets of Jakarta and other major cities on Wednesday, the anniversary of the birth of Indonesia's nationalist movement against Dutch colonial rule. To ease fears about a leadership vacuum in the country should Mr. Suharto step down immediately, Mr. Rais offered himself as a candidate for president, saying, "I'm more than willing to replace him."

Emil Salim, a former cabinet member. also mentioned as a possible president, was equally critical of Mr. Suharto's proposals. "The whole time frame is so dubious -it could be short or it could be two years," Mr. Salim said. "The dubious time frame creates this uncertainty. Uncertainty is the exact reason we have this economic and political crisis."

Some analysts said Mr. Suharto now appeared to be a victim of more than three decades of his own aloof style, and a presidency that largely sustained itself on political intrigue, secrecy and the Machiavellian manipulations of opponents real and imagined.

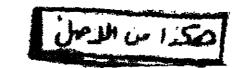
"There's so much logic to what he is saying, but there's so much information missing," said a Western diplomat.
"There's a history of misinformation you can't ignore that," he said.

"I'm highly cynical," the diplomat added, "I think it's a trick. I think he just wants to keep the cards that he's got -stay in for a period, and manage a process that lines up his people. He's never quit, never run. In every spot he's been in, he's come up with a solution that's involved multiple deceptions."

Pointing to Indonesia's backsliding on various terms of the bailout negotiated with the International Monetary Fund, the diplomat added, "What is all boils down to is. Do you trust what this guy is saying?"

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# For U.S., Sanctions Are Two-Edged

By Thomas W. Lippman

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration's deal with the European Union resolves a long and tense dispute over the U.S. effort to use the threat of economic sanctions to force Europeans to follow U.S. policy toward Iran and Cuba, but it still leaves the administration wrestling with Congress on the use of

sanctions as a foreign policy tool.

President Bill Clinton signed both pieces of legislation that touched off the dispute - the Helms-Burton Act, on Cuba, and the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act - only to be haunted by the laws as he sought ways to avoid imposing sanctions called for by the measures.

Congress has authorized or mandated an array of sanctions against dozens of foreign countries over human rights, weapons proliferation and the envir-onment. More sanctions are in the works as Congress considers measures to penalize Russia for its transfers of weapons technology to Iran, and to punish countries accused of persecuting religious

Sometimes the administration finds these laws useful, as it did last week in imposing sanctions on India for testing five nuclear weapons. But more often, it seems, the administration has multiple reasons why the sanctions would do more harm than good.

Such was the case with the decision not to impose sanctions on three major international oil companies that have signed a contract to develop an offshore natural-gas field in Iran, senior officials

said Monday. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright ruled that the deal involving Total SA of France, RAO Gazprom of Russia and Petronas Bhd. of Malaysia met the criteria for sanctions. But the administration, over protests from senior members of Congress, waived the penalties to avoid a trade war with Europe

and prevent a split with Russia. Sanctions would not have blocked the deal anyway, Mrs. Albright said, so the price to be paid in relations with Europe

and Russia was not worth it.

The U.S. undersecretary of state for economic affairs, Stuart Eizenstat, who negotiated the deal with the European Union announced Monday, is running an administration-wide effort to develop a consistent sanctions policy. At a minimum, he said Monday, any sanc-

# Castro Faults EU Accord With U.S. on Sanctions

Compiled by Our Staff From Disparch

GENEVA -- President Fidel Castro of Cuba condemned Tuesday the agreement reached between President Bill Clinton and European leaders to ease U.S. restrictions on multinational companies doing business with Cuba.

The agreement was "unclear, contradictory and threatening for many countries, as well as being unethical,"
Mr. Castro said in a speech to the World Trade Organization, which is celebrating 50 years of the global trading system.

"The WTO should be capable of preventing economic genocide," said the Cuban leader. The countries of the Third World

#### have been losing everything," Sanctions Waiver

Hailed in Tehran

New York Times Service TEHRAN - Iran trumpeted Tuesday a Clinton administration decision to waive sanctions against three foreign companies doing business here as a "moral victory" for the European Union and one that should signal an end to U.S.

attempts to deter similar investment.
"The United States finally bowed down to pressure from the European Union," the official Iranian news agency said in a statement that was displayed across the front pages of Iranian newspapers.

A separate government communiqué called on the United States to repeal altogether the legislation that requires sanctions on companies that deal with Iran. The Clinton administration waived these sanctions in the case of French, Russian and Malaysian companies involved in a \$2 billion energy deal.

Iranian officials otherwise withheld formal comment about the decision. But in private conversations, economists and businessmen have expressed hope that it might signal the abandonment of U.S. attempts to enlist allies in the economic isolation of the Tehran govern-

Iran and its energy sector in particular have made clear their hunger for foreign investment. But for the last two years, most foreign companies have moved gingerly in negotiations as they have watched to see how vigorously the United States would enforce legislation requiring penalties on companies that invest more than \$20 million a year in the oil and gas sectors of Iran and

charged, while the United States has been imposing its will. Speaking of the WTO, he said, "We must convert it into an instrument of struggle for a better and more just world."

He said that industrialized countries should follow the example of Norway in giving generous development assistance to the world's poorest countries. Under the agreement reached Monday in London, the United States will grant permanent waivers to the 1996 Helms-Burton Act, which imposes U.S. sanctions against foreign companies that do business with Cuba.

In exchange, members of the 15-nation European Union agreed to help establish a global registry of property confiscated by Cuba and other governments that will remain off-limits to investors.

Mr. Castro put the cost of the 37-year U.S. economic embargo against his country at \$60 billion. Any settlement of differences between the United States and the European Union should not come at the expense of Cuba, he said. Such a settlement "would be an inconceivable dishonor for Europe." The Europeans challenged Washing-

ton's sanctions before the WTO in 1996. Last spring, they decided to suspend their case for a year to allow for a negotiated settlement. (AP, Reuters) tions voted by Congress should give the president the waiver authority he used Monday in the Iran case.

The waiver authority we exercised here was built into the statute, and we think we have used it to accomplish busic ourposes of the act" - to gain increased European cooperation in fighting Iranian-sponsored terrorism, Mr. Eizenstat said, "When you have automatic sanctions with no room for flexibility, it can sometimes prevent you from accomplishing the very purposes the act intends."

The commitments by Europe and Russia to tighten their weapons proliferation rules and Europe's agreement to deny all forms of government assistance to companies investing in confiscated property in Cuba would not have been possible if U.S. negotiators had not been able to hold out the prospect of

sanctions waivers, senior officials said. Congress finds mandated sanctions a relatively painless way to make a statement about developments abroad, such as in Iran. But the White House considers that its ability to make foreign policy requires a free hand to impose sanctions when it wishes, as it did on Burma for its human rights record.

In addition, the White House is under constant pressure from business groups to avoid or waive sanctions, which often cut U.S. companies out of opportunities available to foreign competitors.

Senior administration officials acknowledged that the agreement Monday with the Europeans would have exactly that effect, Mr. Clinton has already barred U.S. companies by executive order from doing any business with Iran, while the terms of his agreement with the European Union leave European energy companies such as Total free to pursue investment opportunities there.

'Granting this waiver does not mean we support this investment," Mrs. Albright said of the Total-Gazpom-Pet-ronas contract. "We do not. In fact, we made vigorous efforts to stop it, including representations at the highest levels of the governments involved."

#### ■ U.S. Needs to Make 'Effort'

The agreement between the EU and the United States over trade restrictions lays the basis for the settlement of differences, but the United States must make a bigger effort, an official in the office of Sir Leon Brittan, the European trade Commissioner, said Tuesday, Agence France-Presse reported from Brussels.

The agreement protected European companies and individuals from the effects of the Helms-Burton and the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act and removed a 'subject of irritation' between the two sides, the official said.

But if Congress refuses to approve the exemptions from the Helms-Burton Act, the agreement will be invalid, he said. "The Americans must make a bigger effort," he added.

# Montenegro Will Not Recognize New Government of Yugoslavia

PODGORICA, Montenegro — The Parliament of Montenegro voted Tuesday not to recognize a new Yugoslav government headed by the Montenegrin opposition leader Momir Bulatovic.

Mr. Bularovic was named as prime minister Monday by the Yugoslav president, Slobodan Milosevic, after Mr. Bulatovic engineered the ouster of Prime Minister Radoje Kontic in the Yugoslav Parliament. Montenegro has said that the removal of Mr. Kontic was illegal. Political sources said the confron-

tation between Mr. Milosevic and his reformist foes in Montenegro could destroy the legitimacy of the federal government and lead to the final breakdown of the Yugoslav federation. Yugoslavia has been made up of Montenegro and Serbia since the secession of four other republics in 1991-92.

Mr. Bulatovic, a Milosevic ally, is the chief rival of the Montenegrin president, Milo Diukanovic, in May 31 parliamentary elections in the southern republic. Mr. Milosevic's federal power base would be undermined by a Djukanovic victory, which would give Mr. Djukanovic control over the nomination of Montenegro's delegates to the upper house of the federal Parliament.

Mr. Djukanovic's governing coalition in Montenegro accused Mr. Milosevic of handing Mr. Bulatovic an unfair advantage in the tightly fought parliamentary elections and of setting the scene for the declaration of a state of emergency in case Mr. Bulatovic lost.

In the capital of Montenegro, Podgorica, Mr. Djukanovic told supporters Monday that the decision to remove Mr. Kontic was "a blow against all of us," adding: "This is an act of breaking up Yugoslavia."

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TO THE STREETS - About 3,000 demonstrators marching Tuesday in Paris in protest of planned layoffs at Credit Lyonnais banks.

#### Germany Pardons Red Army Terrorist

FRANKFURT - A month after the terrorist Red Army Faction said it was disbanding, Germany announced Tuesday it was pardoning a member convicted in a 1981 U.S. air base bombing but who later called on the

Heftist group to dissolve.

Helmut Pohl, now 54, began a life sentence in 1986 for his role in the bombing of Ramstein Air Base, which wounded 18 Americans and two Germans. Mr. Pohl was considered a leader in the leftists' campaign to destabilize capitalism by targeting the U.S. mil-itary and Germany's government and industry, but in 1996 he wrote from prison urging the group to disband.

Mr. Pohl cited deteriorating health and a desire to be with his family when he applied to President Roman Herzog for the pardon in January 1997. (AP)

#### Invitation for Ankara

ANKARA -- Britain's foreign secretary, Robin Cook, asked Turkey on Tuesday to keep formal channels to the European Union open despite anger at being left out of Europe's eastward expansion.

Mr. Cook, whose country holds the by EU ministers.

European Union presidency, stated at Ankara's airport that he hoped to put

Turkey and the 15-member EU "back

on track" at an association council

meeting planned for May 25.

The EU froze Turkey's membership application in December, citing its shaky human rights record and disputes with Greece in its decision. Turkey's foreign minister, Ismail Cern, said his talks with Mr. Cook had

#### Israeli Cautions EU

TEL AVIV --- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Tuesday that the European Union would deny itself a role in Middle East peacemaking if it boycotted imports from Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.

"That will put an end to any attempt of the European Union to have any kind of facilitating role in the peace process," Mr. Netanyahu said.

Last week, the European Commission called for the European Union to stop any imports from Israeli settlements in the occupied territories that benefited from trade privileges granted to Israel.

Israel rejected the call, which would go into effect only if approved

# NATO Weighs A Task Force For the Border Of Albania

Agence France-Presse

BRUSSELS - NATO military chiefs are considering sending from 7,000 to 20,000 troops to protect Albania's northern border from possible unrest in the Serbian province of Kosovo, alliance sources said Tuesday.

The military chiefs will present three security plans, outlining the minimum, intermediary and maximum measures of protection needed in the region, to a meeting of NATO ambassadors on Wednesday.

No decision has yet been made on whether to send troops to Albania, but the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has for the past 10 days studied various military options to help protect Albania and Macedonia, countries bordering the southern Serbian province.

The military advisers' recommendations will be presented at a meeting of NATO foreign ministers on May 28 in

Luxembourg.

The goal is to provide the countries concerned with a "toolbox" of measures to stave off unrest that could flare up in volatile Kosovo, where 90 percent

of the population is ethnic Albanian. The military chiefs said the densely forested terrain along the mountainous border and the lack of infrastructure made it impossible to consider sending more than 20,000 troops. Last year. European countries sent about 5,000 troops to Albania under Italian command to successfully stabilize the country. which was on the brink of civil war.

Sources said Italy and several Scandinavian countries had indicated that they would be ready to take part in a NATO-led peace force in northern Al-

Other measures being considered include organizing maneuvers in Albania, supplying the Albanian Army with transportation and communication and transforming a Macedonian training ground into a permanent Allied troops camp.

# Kohl Uses 'Red Scare' to Rally Faithful

BREMEN, Germany - Helmut Kohl sent his Christian Democrat Union onto the campaign trail on Tuesday with the message that the opposition Social Democrats would turn Germany sharp

The politics of the center or a leftist republic." Mr. Kohl said was the choice facing voters on Sept. 27. "We have to do everything to stop

ng the election. Mr. Kohl said in a closing speech to a two-day election conference for his

party.
Mr. Kohl frequently invoked the specter of communism during the conference in an attempt to steer the party out of the electoral doldrums. Mr. Kohl's center-right government has fallen by as much as 10 percentage points behind the Social Democrats in the latest opinion polls.

The chancellor, 68, tried to fire up the party faithful by saying that only they had a clear strategy for leading Ger-

many into the 21st century. "They say the old war-horse is still there. I don't mind that," said Mr. Kohl, who has quashed party debate about whether he should run for a record fifth term against Gerhard Schroeder, the Social Democrats' 54-year-old chal-

lenger.

Mr. Kohl said the election program approved by the conference offered Germany's 60 million voters a clear 'Economic recovery and new jobs or

throwing away the future; dependability and stability versus insecurity and loss

of international confidence," he said. A red-green alliance of the Social Democrats and the ecologist Greens, backed by the reformed communist party of Eastern Germany "would destroy everything we have built," Mr.

The chancellor said the party was "building the bridges to the 21st cen-tury for our fatherland, and for

Schroeder. That task fell to his designated successor, Wolfgang Schaeuble.

"Newspaper editors don't know whether they should send political correspondents or theater critics to cover Schroeder, 'said Mr. Schaeuble, the Christian Democrats' parliamentary leader, in an unusually personal assault on Mr. Schroeder.

"Schroeder's now even appearing in real TV soap operas," said Mr. Schaeuble, referring to a recent cameo appearance that Mr. Schroeder had made. "He's unable to hold a discussion factor of the said for more than the length of a TV soundbite. He's devoid of any more content

than that. Mr. Schaeuble also picked up the "red scare" theme, accusing Mr. Schroeder of failing to stop the Social Democrats in the state of Saxony-Anhalt from moving toward the reformed communists. He called Mr. Schroeder weak for allowing the party to form a minority government with the Party of Democratic Socialism, the heirs of the

rulers of the former East Germany. He criticized Mr. Schroeder for makand then supporting it; for speaking in favor of strengthening police powers and then against that, for supporting employee training funds and then op-posing them, and for advocating pension reform and then speaking against it.

"He's for and against German unification, for and against everything, Mr. Schaeuble said.

The Christian Democrats' blueprint guments for change and added a forward-looking touch to Mr. Kohl's sag-

ging campaign.

Mr. Schaeuble said jobless figures showed an upswing in the labor market, including in Eastern Germany, where unemployment is about twice as high as in the west.

Still, there were muted notes of doubt.

"We will not be elected because of our achievements in the past," Mr. Schaeuble said.

The campaign platform calls for less government, more private saving for retirement and welfare cuts for jobless who refuse low-paying work. At the same time, it promises continued massive government aid to Eastern Ger-

It revives Mr. Kohl's plan for a sharp cut in corporate and individual income taxes that the opposition killed in Parliament last year.

The Christian Democrats have also pledged to step up the fight against crime, promote high-tech start-up firms and make the university system more competitive.

# Russia Puts Off START-2 Debate

The Associated Press MOSCOW - Parliament,

which has shown little enthusiasm for cutting Russia's mclear arsenal, has postponed discussions on the START-2 arms-control treaty until September, a legislator said Tuesday.

Closed-door hearings had been scheduled to begin June 9 but have been put on hold for about three months, Alexei Mitrofanov, the lawmaker, told Russian news agencies. He is an ultranationalist who heads one of several committees in Parliament expected to consider the treaty. START-2, which would cut the Russian and American nuclear arsenals to 3,500 war-

heads on each side, was signed in 1993 and ratified by the U.S. Senate in 1996. President Boris Yeltsin has been urging the State Duma, the lower house of Parliament, to take quick action, but law-

makers have been resisting. . The Communists and nationalists who dominate the Duma fear that reducing Russia's nuclear arsenal would further weaken the country's security when its conventional forces are weak. But Russian military leaders have spoken

in favor of ratification. They say that by 2007—the treaty's deadline for de-· stroying weapons - Russia's

intercontinental ballistic mis- weapons technology. siles with multiple warheads would be at the end of their

service lifetime anyway. Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry said Russia had strengthened export controls manin, a spokesman for the to guard against the unauthor- ministry, was quoted as sayized export of weapons or ing by interfax.

"The controls have been considerably strengthened over the past few months at the instruction of the Russian president," Vladimir Rakh-

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# Is Israel Still Under U.S. Pressure? Maybe Yes, Maybe No, but It's Quiet Now

By Barton Geilman Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Two weeks ago in London, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright staked out a groundbreaking stance of open pressure on Israel, stating that the Clinton administration would "have to re-examine our approach to the peace process" if Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahn did not accept a U.S. proposal to advance Israeli-Palestinian talks.

.The combination of threat and deadline - she named a May 11 meeting at the White House as the occasion for Mr. Netanyahu's reply - announced a new element of power politics in the administration's relationship with Israel.

But the results, including the canceled meet-

ing, have thus far been a muddle and the gambit itself now appears to nearly every interested party to have been withdrawn.

Monday, as Mrs. Albright came full circle to the London hotel where she first tried to force a décision on Mr. Netanyahu, her tone could hardly have been more changed. Inside a plush suite at the Churchill Hotel, according to U.S.

and foreign sources with direct knowledge, she tried to sell Yasser Arafat on "refinements" to have removed every hint of confrontation, rethe American plan that would make it more palatable to Israel.

Outside, for public consumption, a secretary known for her bluntness smothered any sense of urgency in the rhetoric of "good, constructive talks." The reason for her meeting, she said, was merely that "it's important to stay in very close

Interpretation of this two-week journey is complicated because the outcome is not yet written and because of the many faces of the administration's self-portrait at a pivotal moment in its stewardship of Middle East policy.

Officials directly involved in the policy, speaking to reporters, interest groups and allied diplomats, have made various explanations that together resemble the courtroom lawyer's tactic of arguing in the alternative: that there never was an ultimatum; that the ultimatum has not been abandoned; and that if it has been abandoned, it was for good reasons of state and strategy, not

In their public, on-the-record discourse, Mrs.

turning to a more comfortable role of consensusbuilder and Israel's faithful friend.

Mrs. Albright described the American proposal in a speech last week "as suggestions, not as an ultimatum" and authorized Ambassador Edward Walker to say the following to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's senior leadership Sunday night: "If in the end Israel cannot accept our ideas, we will respect that decision. And it will not affect our fundamental commitment to Israel by a single jot or

The most authoritative statements of policy, delivered on condition of anonymity, hold that despite appearances, the administration remains committed to the new course it set in London two weeks ago. The underlying threat to Israel deliberately vague, but understood to include publication of the American plan and a declaration that active mediation is at an end -remains alive in the minds of Mrs. Albright and the president, by the accounts of those speaking for them.

agreement. She believes, however, that the pressure of time and consequences already has moved Mr. Netanyahu a good distance from his positions of two weeks ago.

"We will know in a matter of days whether this dynamic is working," the official said. "Just because you are not hearing a lot publicly at the moment, I can assure you, has nothing to do with what is going on behind the scenes. It is fair to say we have adjusted our modus operandi in order to get the result, but we have not done anything to change our ideas or to water them down in any way, shape or form. If it's not real, we'll make that clear, I assure you.'

There was no way to judge that account independently, since complete knowledge of the plomacy is limited to President Bill Clinton, Mrs. Albright, Samuel Berger, the national security adviser, and Dennis Ross, the special envoy who is famous in the State Department for writing cables seldom and disclosing little.

But by Monday, the underlying ultimatum, a call.

Mrs. Albright, a high-ranking official said, "will be the first one to pull the plug" if she concludes there is no further prospect of Israel's relationship, carried little credibility among Israel's raeli government officials, American Jewish leaders, European and allied Arab diplomats and

Palestinians. "The United States has climbed down from the ultimatum, absolutely," said Abraham Fox-man, national director of the Anti-Defamation League and one of Mrs. Albright's closest con-

tacts in the Jewish community. A senior British official described his govemment as "suspicious that they're gradually letting the thing die down."

The French, who have held back for months, judged Monday a good day for President Jacques Chirac to issue a public call for a new international peace conference that the Clinton administration has long opposed. In a stronger sign of the times, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt - who just last week received Mr. Clinton's written assurance that he would not let Israel drag out a decision on his proposal — stood next to Mr. Chirac in Paris and joined in his

# Pakistani Assails India For Aggressive' Turn

By Kenneth J. Cooper Washington Post Service

NEW DELHI - Prime Minister Miun Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan said Tuesday that India, emboldened by its display of nuclear might last week, had threatened to attack the Pakistan-controlled part of the disputed Himalayan territory of Kashmir.

Mr. Sharif's accusation represented his interpretation of tough remarks made Monday in New Delhi by the cabinet minister in charge of domestic security.
Home Minister L.K. Advani had

urged Pakistan to "realize the change in the geostrategic situation in the region" and warned Islamabad against trying to intensify a separatist Muslim insurgency in the India-controlled part of Kashmir.

India and Pakistan have fought two wars over Kashmir since 1947, and the continuing territorial dispute last year stymied the most recent round of bilateral talks aimed at easing their mutual

For Pakistan, Kashmir has been a central and emotional issue because the Islamic republic was founded a half century as a haven for the Subcontinent's Muslims from Hindu domination, Across the border. India sees retention of its only Muslim majority state as an expression of the nation's secular constitution.

That Mr. Sharif heard provocation in remarkable only because they closely sanctions by the United States, Japan followed five underground nuclear tests by India — indicated how much tensions proceeds with a nuclear test. have risen in the region in a week and how Pakistan's insecurity in face of its we are already used to them. We are not larger neighbor has fueled an arms race going to be afraid of them," Mr. Sharif War as Mr. Sharif decides whether to match India's testing.

key interest rates to 50 percent, reas-

suring investors that it would protect the

The Russian Trading System index of leading stocks rose 3.94 percent, to

236.58 points, after falling almost 12

percent Monday. The benchmark index

defend the ruble at all costs, and the

market is taking comfort from that," said Martin Diggle of the Brunswick

He added that a rebound in Indonesia

was having a small impact but stressed

that the Russian market was "taking on

Bond yields, symptomatic of the per-

sistently high interest rates that are crip-

pling the Russian economy and saddling

the government with ever higher debt

percent, traders said, though some in-

to judge, but definitely there is a cash

halt the exodus of foreign capital from

the Jakarta stock market Tuesday, in-

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The government has promised to rein

"People want to see solid proof that

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at MFK-Renaissance in Moscow. "The

cliché. People want to see concrete re-

"Whenever you have rising interest

rates, it's not good for markets, and it's

not good for earnings," said Richard

Saler, head of international investments

at Lexington Asset Management in New

Clearly, the Russian economy is un-

Jersey. "It's clearly very negative."

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Russian markets.

short-term debt it sells.

The central bank has indicated it will

is down 44 percent so far this year.

"You must have heard today that they are discussing their aggressive designs toward Kashmir," Mr. Sharif said in a speech broadcast nationwide. "By grace of God, we are prepared for any trial, and the whole world knows that Pakistan has

the ability to defend itself." Mr. Sharif called Mr. Advani and other Hindu nationalists who lead the coalition government in India "fanatic fundamentalist rulers" who "would not hesitate to cross the last threshold of aggression." He accused Mr. Advani of making "a very serious threat to Pakistan."

Some representatives of Bharatiya Janata Party, which leads the New Delhi government after decades as a minor opposition party, appeared surprised by Mr. Sharif's strong reaction and tried to downplay Mr. Advani's comments. But other party leaders continued the

tough talk. We want to tell Pakistan enough is enough now and we will not tolerate any more interference" in Kashmir, Tourism Minister Lal Madan Khurana said in Srinagar, summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir state.

At the party's regular briefing here in the capital, a spokesman urged "stern action" to "convey the message across the border that the Indian government will not take anything lying down."

Mr. Sharif appeared in his speech to Mr. Advani's remarks — which were be preparing his nation for economic and possibly other countries if Pakistan

"As far as sanctions are concerned, George Bush declined to certify that attack or more Indian tests.

der stress because of the Asian crisis,

Falling oil prices, down about 28 per-

cent from a year ago, have slashed

profits for Russian oil producers, which

rely on exports for hard currency earn-

ings. Oil and gas exports make up one-

OAO Lukoil Holding, the second-

largest Russian oil producer after the

merger of AO Yukos and AO Sibneft,

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(AFP, Bloomberg)

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MOSCOW — Stock prices reboun- plus the fact Russia is an economy that's

ded Tuesday after the central bank raised especially sensitive to commodity



Information Minister Mushahid Hussain, left, with Mr. Sharif on Tuesday.

Pakistan's nuclear program was only for

■ Islamabad Team Leaves Beijing John Pomfret of The Washington Post reported from Beijing:

A team of Pakistani diplomats and military officers left China on Tuesday following three days of talks that focused on India's recent move to detonate five nuclear devices last week and, Asian diplomats said, Pakistan's search for security guarantees from Beijing.

returned to Islamabad after discussing "recent developments" in the region with Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan of China, a Pakistani Embassy spokesman said. A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokes-

Foreign Secretary Shamshad Ahmad

man, Zhu Bangzao, told reporters that Chinese and Pakistani officials had regional security questions."

Neither spokesman said whether aid cutoff in 1990, when President Islamabad in the event of an Indian

Asian diplomats in Beijing said the Pakistani delegation had expressed specific concern about alleged Indian threats to attack Pakistani-held portions of Kashmir. The delegation also discussed with China a series of possible responses to the Indian decision to detonate the nuclear devices, the diplomats

to detonate its own nuclear device. Regardless, the visit underscored Beijing's close ties with its smaller western neighbor and its increasingly important role in the precarious South Asian region where his philandering.
stock markets are crashing in both Bom"Finessing his being secular was nothfrom U.S. sales each year, much of bay and Karachi under the specter of a destabilizing arms race.

When asked by reporters if China intended to dissuade Pakistan from con-"held an extensive exchange of views ducting its own nuclear test, Mr. Zhu on international questions and relevant accused India of undermining international efforts to ban nuclear testing.

that threatens to turn into a nuclear Cold said in an apparent reference to a U.S. ances from China that it would support adopting a decisive and clear-cut po- anyone." sition against India to prompt it to give up its nuclear program," he said.

# ISRAEL: A Profile in Self-Destruction

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were accurately transcribed and that Mr. Bar-Illan was aware that he was jotting them down for the record.

"I took very careful notes which he sorry, but the fact of the matter is that it has any principles. was an interview and he did say those

Shai Bazak, a top Netanyahu aide, said that it was "ridiculous" to think that Mr. Bar-Illan could make such remarks.

"We think that Mrs. Netanyahu is very nice, intelligent, and works very hard for the underprivileged as well as helping her husband and bringing up their children. We are full of nothing but admiration for her.'

But other associates say Mrs. Netanyahn has long been regarded by her husband's staff as a bull who carries her own china shop with her. Last year, she threw a tantrum while being interviewed on Israeli television and accused Knes-

set members of making passes at her. She denigrated Sonia Peres, the wife of Shimon Peres, Israel's previous prime minister, as someone who was so poorly educated that her main interests consisted of washing dishes and playing cards.

Mr. Remnick also quotes Mr. Bar-It was unclear whether China was Illan as saying that Mr. Netanyahu, 48, actively trying to persuade Pakistan not compounded his image problems by going on television to confess marital infidelities and to accuse members of his U.S. Indicts 3 Banks party of using "Mafia methods" in trying to sabotage his career by publicizing

ing compared to other things, like adultery," Mr. Bar-Illan said. "One thing is to have an affair with a shiksa," a gentile woman, "but a married woman!"

He goes on to lament that Mr. Netanyahu, who is known for being one of Israel's least religious politicians, may "The overriding issue for the inter- stage public shows of repentance on Pakistan had requested specific assur- national community is to concentrate on Jewish holy days "but he's not fooling

Much of the article depicts Mr. Net-syndicate in Colombia, officials said. anyahu as an arriviste politician who is

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tirement than they would have if they

Opponents say that many individuals

are already investing in the stock market,

and that rather than making a bigger bet

providing a guaranteed payment, regard-

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The plan also calls for several other

steps to reduce the financial strain on

Social Security as the 76 million baby boomers born from 1946 through 1964

start heading into retirement a decade

The retirement age, which is already scheduled to rise to 67 from 65 over the

next few decades, would rise under the

relied on the current system.

despised in his own political camp. Yitzhak Shamir, a former prime minister and like Mr. Netanyahu a member of the Likud party, says that Mr. Netanyahu may be talented and successful in achieving high office at a relatively could see," Mr. Remnick said. "If it young age, but that he has few friends causes him difficulty and pain, I'm and that even fewer people believe he

"He's not a man who deserves one's trust." Mr. Shamir is quoted as having said. "His ego is too inflated. I personally have no connection with him.

He's not a very popular man. "I wouldn't say that he's admired. I don't think he believes in anything." At a press conference after he returned

from Washington on Monday, Mr. Netanyahu was uncharacteristically tightlipped when asked about The New Yorker profile. "This is just gossip and we do not deal with these things," he said. While Mr. Bar-Illan still hopes to

maintain his status as a loyal member of the prime minister's inner circle of policy advisers, Mr. Netanyahu declined to express confidence in his adviser.

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And when the prime minister and his wife flew home aboard Israel's version of Air Force One, Mr. Bar-Illan's name had been stricken from the passenger list.

# **MEXICO:**

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which finds its way to traffickers in Mexico and Colombia. But senior law enforcement officials said the case provided the best view U.S. officials have yet had into the increasingly sophisticated world of drug-related money laundering.
The Mexican bankers allegedly

worked on behalf of the Juarez cartel in Mexico and the Cali cocaine and heroin

U.S. authorities arrested 70 people over the weekend, including 14 Mexican banking officials. About \$35 million was seized and an additional \$122 million is expected to be recovered from more than 100 bank accounts frozen in the United States and Europe, officials said,

Most of those arrested were lured to either Las Vegas or Los Angeles by undercover agents who offered to show them new ways to launder money through casinos and promised them dinner and a big party, senior law enforcement officials said.

No U.S. banks or citizens were indicted, and U.S. officials said that Mexican officials had not been informed of the operation. Ms. Reno said that she and other senior U.S. officials had contacted their Mexican counterparts Monday to tell them of the operation and that the Mexican government had promised its 'full cooperation."

Money laundering is the process whereby criminals take their illegal proceeds and put them into the financial sector in different ways so the money appears to have a legitimate origin. For their services, law enforcement officials said, the banks received a cut of 4 percent to 5 percent of the money deposited.

In this case, officials said, drug traffickers would collect the drug money off the streets in the United States, and undercover agents would then deposit the money into accounts in Los Angeles. The money was then transferred by wire and accumulated in Mexican bank accounts, where bankers allegedly were aware that the money had come from drug trafficking.

Mexican bankers then issued bank drafts under fictitious names and mailed or hand-delivered the drafts to undercover agents in Los Angeles, who redeposited the money into the accounts. Because the money appeared as 'clean' deposits from Mexico, it could be wire-transferred or hand-delivered to drug traffickers in Mexico.

Mr. Rubin said that the banks indicted were Bancomer, Mexico's secondlargest bank; Banca Serfin, the country's third-largest bank; and Confia, which is among the top 20 banks.

Carlos Gomez, president of the Mexican Bankers Association, said, "These are operations from some employees and officials acting in an individual way, and it doesn't represent any systematic operations of the banks themselves."

In addition to the indictments, the Federal Reserve announced it had issued temporary "cease and desist" orders suspending the U.S. operations of the three banks that were indicted, as well as those of Banco Nacional de Mexico, or Banamex, Mexico's largest bank; Bital, the country's fourth-largest bank; and Banco Santander,

the fifth-largest Mexican bank. The banks have "serious deficiencies in their anti-money laundering programs." according to a statement by the Federal Reserve.

#### Sosuke Uno, 75, Dies; Russian Stocks Rebound Led Japan 69 Days **After Key Rates Hit 50%**

ister Sosuke Uno, whose 69-day administration was one of the shortest in Japanese history, died Tuesday of lung cancer in a hospital in Moriyama, Japan. He was 75.

Mr. Uno stepped down just more than two months later, after his popularity plunged amid reports that he had paid a geisha to be his mis-

Mr. Uno was first elected to Japan's lower house of Parliament in 1960. He served as director-general of the Defense Agency, trade minister and foreign minister during his political career. He retired from pol-

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TOKYO - Former Prime Min-

Mr. Uno became prime minister in 1989 after a bribery scandal forced Noboru Takeshita to resign

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Arizona, a Republican.

sonal investment accounts 2 percentage points of the 12.4 percent payroll tax levied on workers and their employers to finance Social Security.

current retirees, would allow individuals a choice of investment options for the money accumulating in their government-administered accounts, including stock-index funds and Treasury secu-

# PENSIONS: Social Security Overhaul

Texas, a Democrat, and Jim Kolbe of Mr. Breaux, Mr. Stenholm and Mr.

Kolbe were also co-chairmen of the commission, along with Donald Marron. the chairman and chief executive of Paine Webber Group, the Wall Street on Wall Street, the nation should tweak firm, and Charles Sanders, the former Social Security but not change its role in chairman of Glaxo Inc., the pharma-

ceutical company.

The report calls for diverting into per-

The change, which would not affect

Advocates of private accounts said

# commission's plan to 70 by 2029. The early retirement age would rise to 65 from 62 by 2017. 50 Rebels Killed

the economy.

from now.

In Sierra Leone Agence France-Presse FREETOWN, Sierra Leone -About 50 supporters of Sierra Leone's ousted junta were killed last weekend when a militia group attacked one of their bases in the north, journalists in the area said

Tuesday. Meanwhile, rebels allied to the ousted junta warned that they would increase their mutilations of civilians if the Nigerian-led intervention force, Ecomog, which toppled the army regime in February, fails to leave the country within 90 days.

According to journalists in Makeni, 140 kilometers (85 miles) northeast of Freetown, the junta casualties occurred at a rebel base in Mandaha Forest, when it was attacked by Kapra militiamen.

Missionary sources said fleeing junta supporters then attacked the nearby villages of Kassassi and Mabuya, mutilating 17 civilians, including children and mothers, and burning 10 houses. A message attached to one mu-

tilation victim warned that Ecomog had "90 days to quit Sierra Leone or the rebel operation 'No Living Thing' will continue with intens-

The message was addressed to Ecomog authorities in Makeni.

# **ULSTER:** Northern Ireland Looks to Business Boom in South

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repayments, were averaging around 50 future as part of a wider Europe have The mood is quite optimistic," said fostered a striking degree of self-con-Maxim Safonov of Internationale Nederlanden Groep NV. "It's a bit early fidence. Polls suggest voters in the Republic will overwhelmingly endotse the peace agreement and the dropping of freland's constitutional claim to the North in a referendum on Friday, even if a normal place." The central bank raised its key rethey adhere to Irish unity as a long-term financing rate, the rate at which it lends

to the banking sector, to 50 percent to goal. "Suddenly, the South has a dynamic, modern economy and that is bound to have an effect on the way people think in Riots in Indonesia prompted investors to pull out of higher-risk emerging markets. While President Suharto's decision diplomat who serves as joint managing to call elections and step down bolstered director of the International Fund for

Ireland. vestors remain concerned about the The Confederation of Business Industry in Northern Ireland, the province's main business lobby, stressed the potential economic benefits of greater foreign investment in tourism and manufacturing as well as more North-South trade when it endorsed the peace

the new government is doing something, said Victor Pitalev, a trader agreement last week. publican Army gave life to the process in government's quick-fix programs sound 1993, trade between the Republic and Northern Ireland has grown by 55 per-cent, to 1.74 billion Irish punts (\$2.45 billion) last year and generated some 2,500 jobs in the North. Traffic on the Dublin-to-Belfast rail line has quadrupled to a projected 1 million passengers this year, and should get a boost said. "Stereotypes start to fall away. when a 50 million punt upgrade cuts the

minutes next year. "That shows the potential there is," director. "People in the South have been frightened to come up here and do business in the North. It's starting to break down the divide for them to realize this is

It is far from clear that the new North-South relationship will translate into a peace agreement. 'yes' vote in Northern Ireland, particularly among Unionists. The extremists on both sides of the North's religious the North because the old myths can't be divide share an almost tribal antagonism maintained," said Tom Russell, an Irish and suspicion of their opposite numbers, something that is not very susceptible to the appeal of new contracts or an additional percentage point or two of GDP

> "Economic linkages are not the people's primary concern," said Dermot Nesbitt, who helped negotiate the agreement of the Ulster Unionist Party. "They're worried about Gerry Adams

leader of the Irish Republican Army's Since a cease-fire by the Irish Re-ublican Army gave life to the process in Still, Mr. Nesbitt said the prospect of economic gains and fresh investment could help swing some undecided voters cinema complex.

> establish more normal relationships," he Alan Campbell, an auditor from the

travel time by 30 minutes, to 1 hour 35 Protestant town of Portadown who lost a cousin to IRA gunmen in 1993, was angered by the appearance of four IRA said Nigel Smith, the confederation's prisoners on a one-day release at a conference of the Sinn Fein in Dublin last week. But Mr. Campbell increasingly does business in Catholic communities in the North and in the Republic of Ireland, where he travels three times a

> "My biggest gripe is the main road between Belfast and Dublin," he said. "That's not going to be sorted out with-

> month. He sees no alternative to the

out cross-border cooperation." In the Catholic Nationalist stronghold of Newry near the Irish border, the scene of much violence over the past three decades, local businesses are hoping to benefit from the peace and what they hope will become a Belfast-Dublin economic corridor.

From peak unemployment rate of 40 percent in the 1970s, the area has revived on the back of small businesses and the in government," he said, referring to the return of foreign investment since 1993. The town got its first hotel in years at the start of this year, and the British food group J. Sainsbury PLC is building a £55 million (\$89 million) shopping and

to the "yes" camp.

Conor Patterson, who heads the local
Sir George echoed the hope. "There's enterprise agency helping small busi-Conor Patterson, who heads the local no doubt that as people get to know each nesses, spent nearly 13 years studying other without a political agenda, people and working in Britain before being lured back by the new environment in 1994.

"I see this place transformed," he

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# Ethiopia Warns of Border War

ADDIS ABABA — Ethiopia said Tuesday that its border dispute with Eritrea could develop into a full-scale conflict. and it urged the international community to press Asmara for an unconditional withdrawal.

Ethiopia and Eritrea have disagreed over their lengthy common border since 1993. There have been clashes this month, with each side accusing the other of invading.

The Ethiopian foreign minister, Seyoum Mestin, met with foreign diplomats Tuesday and said afterward that Ethiopia's patience had been stretched to the limit. He said that "necessary measures" would be taken.

Eritrea has acknowledged that its army engaged Ethiopian forces on May 6, but it asserts that it has simply retaken land that Ethiopia seized six months earlier. (Reuters)

# 1,500 Watch Lebanon Hangings

TABARIA, Lebanon— Two convicted murderers were hanged at dawn Tuesday in a public square here for killing a man and his sister during a robbery of their home.

About 1,500 people pressed around a wooden gallows set in this village north of Beirut to watch the hanging of Wissam Nayef Issa, 25, a Lebanese, and Hassan Abu Jabal. 24, who was stateless.

It was the first public execution in Lebanou since the adoption in 1994 of legislation that give judges greater leeway in applying the death penalty.

## Governor Steps Down in Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Six days after announcing that he would step down over kidnapping and drug scandals, the governor of Morelos state left office after rival parties

greed on a successor. The state legislature accepted Jorge Carrillo Olea's request on Monday for an indefinite leave of absence and elected the state head of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, Jorge Morales Barud, to finish the last two years of the term. Mr. Carrillo Olea said on May 12 that would step down. He announced the move a day before the opposition-led state legislature was to begin impeachment proceedings. (AP)

## Caribbean Leader Calls Election

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent - St. Vincent and the Grenadines will hold a general election June 15, Prime

Minister James Mitchell said. The announcement on Monday ended weeks of speculation about when Mr. Mitchell's New Democratic Party would seek its fourth successive term in office, the Carib-

bean News Agency reported. St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 32 islands and keys in the Windward Islands group in the southeastern Caribbean, is a

constitutional monarchy within the British Common-wealth. The population is about 110,000. Mr. Mitchell's party won 12 seats in the February 1994 general election. The main opposition party, the United Labor Party, won three seats. (Reuters)

## **BOOKS**

THE SEVILLE

COMMUNION By Arturo Pere: Reverte. Translated from Spanish by Sonia Soto, 375 pages. \$24. Harcourt Brace.

Reviewed by Carolyn See C OMEWHERE in Europe an expert hacker manages the almost impossible and breaks into the Pope's computer. The pontiff is left to ponder a cryptic message about a tumbledown baroque church that, to avoid destruc-

tion by the wrecking ball, must "kill to defend itself." This, of course, ruffles the feathers of Vatican security, which sends out Father Lorenzo Quart to the charming old city of Seville to see what's up because it's true a crumbling church in the center of town, Our Lady of the Tears, is about to be deconsecrated, torn down and

its valuable land turned over to developers. It is also true that a couple of luckless wretches involved a big pain in the neck. in that suspicious deal have died "accidentally" on the

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because Father Quart is handsomer than Adonis, plus he wears Armani suits and a Sports Rolex.

He's a thinker, too. He has begun to believe that the Christian system doesn't hold up very well. By now, in his own life, he uses Catholicism as a moral dis-

cipline only. He's a soldier doing battle for the Church because he is enlisted for life, so to speak, but when Father Ferro's assistant denounces the Vatican much of a hurry to throw his and its extensive bureaucracy career away and Sister Gris as as being just another heartless, secular, impersonal cor-

All this is happening in the wonderful city of Seville, agree. Quart soon meets a beautiful member of Seville's ancient aristocracy, the lovely Macarena Brun, who is separated from Pencho Gavira, the arriviste banker who has down Our Lady of the Tears.

Macarena and her mother congregation, so Macarena and Gavira are at loggerheads in both marital and theological terms. When Quart considers Macarena, he finds himself in the grip of a powerful attraction. You can see there are way

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that has become the center of so much controversy. This novel comes under the genre-heading Airplane Lit-

erature for Smart People.

It's true that all the leading characters are handsome, glib and well-dressed, and that sex, beautiful clothes and local color are spread liberally about on these pages. But under the amiable sophistication of the narrative, real questions are asked about the naure of the Divine, the real sons for organized religion, the authenticity of personal faith, the efficacy of ritual.

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This is a very pleasing

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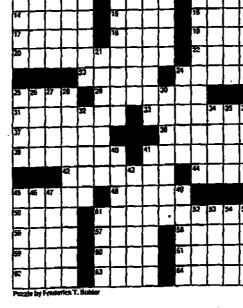
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#### EDITORIALS/OPINION

# Ratify the Test Ban

threaten to undo 35 years worth of work by the United States and other countries to limit the spread of nuclear arms. Instead of abandoning those efforts and improvising new approaches, a course recommended by some arms control experts, Washington and its allies should redouble their commitment to make the international control system work effectively.

As difficult as it may be, India and Pakistan must be persuaded to sign and abide by the 1996 test ban treaty that has now been signed by 149 nations. By joining the treaty, India and Pakistan would bind themselves to refrain from any future testing. Their inclusion would also make it easier to detect violations by permitting the installation of monitoring equipment at their nuclear test sites.

Enlisting India and Pakistan would be easier if the U.S. Senate ratified the test ban treaty, now irresponsibly held up by Senator Jesse Helms.

Once again, the capricious chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee is holding the nation's interest hostage to his ideological whims.

Ratification would allow Washington to participate in a review conference next year that will develop diplomatic strategies for bringing

India's nuclear weapons tests holdout nations into the treaty. Without U.S. leadership, the treaty itself and the

conference will be empty exercises.

The performance of U.S. intelligence agencies should also be improved so that future test preparations by any country can be spotted in advance, giving diplomats the chance to intervene. The White House was given no warning about the Indian underground explosions. Some of the \$400 million a year the Energy Department now spends on nuclear weapons detection research ought to be used to develop sensitive seismic measuring devices that can monitor low-yield tests from afar.

Nonnuclear countries are more easily dissuaded from developing atomic weapons when nuclear states restrain their own arsenals.

Progress in this area has been slowed in recent years. Russia's Parliament should long ago have ratified the nuclear missile cuts negotiated more than five years ago by George Bush and Boris Yeltsin.

If Bill Clinton does not want nuclear anarchy to be his foreign policy legacy, he must galvanize the Senate to act on the test ban treaty and use U.S. influence to strengthen the world's arms control mechanisms. Without them, this planet would be a far more dangerous place. —THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# Microsoft's Stranglehold

partment and 20 state attorneys general have made reasonable demands to preserve competition in the world of computers and the Internet.

Bill Gates needs to respond with something better than disingenuous countercharges that his company is being punished for its success.

Instead of forcing a protracted court battle over remedies, Microsoft should work with federal and state lawyers to reshape the marketplace to help consumers obtain the products they may want.

A sense of history was in the air as Joel Klein, director of the Justice Department's antitrust division, stepped forward in Washington to charge Microsoft with engaging in predatory conduct to choke off its rivals.

Within hours, Mr. Gates and his phalanx of lawyers warned that the government was in danger of destroying innovation and enterprise in America's most dynamic business sector. He made no concession to the idea that Microsoft had used its monopoly in personal computer operating systems to force computer makers to favor its other software products.

Much will now depend on whether the Justice Department and attorneys general can prove their charges of illegal anti-competitive conduct. One of the most explosive charges disclosed is idai iviictosoft tiesi med to cut a deal with Netscape, the maker of the main rival to its Web browser, to carve up the browser market.

Only when that approach failed, said the department, did Microsoft shift tactics and try to muscle Netscape out of the market, fearing that its success on the Internet would supplant Micro-

In their sweeping antitrust suit soft's dominance in the operating sysagainst Microsoft, the U.S. Justice Determ business. In response, Microsoft says that its conversations with Netscape were innocent and that every one of its decisions was a legal effort to serve its customers.

For all its heated language, the Justice Department stepped back from trying to block the shipment of Microsoft's Windows 98 operating system, probably because it would be hard to prove serious and irreparable damage.

Instead, the government wants Microsoft to unbundle its own browser, Internet Explorer, from Windows 98 or to include the rival Netscape browser along with it. The government also wants Microsoft to stop giving preference to its own software products on the screen that first comes up as customers turn on their computers.

Microsoft maintains that everything it is being asked to do is impractical. That is for the courts to decide. But Mr. Gates must know better than to assert that the government's demands are the equivalent of asking Coca-Cola to include cans of Pepsi in all its six-packs. Coca-Cola is not a monopoly, but

Microsoft's operating system is. It would be better if Mr. Gates recognized that reality and stopped behaving as if his company were still a struggling upstart.

As he said Monday, the world awaits an era of accelerating change in computers, with undreamedvoice recognition, artificial intelligence and Internet commerce. The Justice Department and the attorneys general are right that the inventors of products in these areas must be allowed to market them to consumers free of a stranglehold by Microsoft. — THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# **Diving for Pearls**

Who should be allowed to take pictures of the seabed wreck of the Titanic? The commonsense answer that leaps to mind is "anyone" - anyone, that is, who is intrepid enough to make the 2.5-mile (4-kilometer) vertical voyage to the site via submersible. Surely, if ever an object has proved its deep-seated claim to be a part of cultural consciousness and myth, it is the bapless luxury liner. The record-breaking reaction to the movie is a symptom of that enduring fascination.

But issues of ownership get complicated miles below the ocean surface. and an enterprising tour operator that seeks to ferry tourists by submersible to view the wreck (at a hefty price tag, naturally) has run into trouble with a salvage company called RMS Titanic. which owns the rights. The rights? RMS Titanic, it turns out, was granted not only the rights to salvage artifacts from the wreck and to show them in museums but also, somewhat remarkably, the exclusive rights to take and

sell photographic images of it.
A Norfolk, Virginia, judge followed traditional salvage law in ruling two years ago that the party that first sal-

vages an object from a wreck - not the party that discovered the wreck - gets the salvage rights to whatever the wreck contains. The law, as the company's lawyer, Mark Davis, points out, goes back to antiquity and is intended to encourage the return of sunken booty "to the stream of commerce."

High-technology salvage of old shipwrecks lately has become big business because of such laws - mainly, of course, when the cargo is gold. But this long-established notion of the value of wrecks runs counter to the newer concept of historic preservation, of scientific rather than commercial motives for bringing sunken ships to light, or the possibility that a site would have emotional rather than financial resonance.

Mr. Davis says the judge made the unusual extension of photographic rights to his client because of its agreement not to sell the artifacts but only to display them - and to sell their images. (The makers of the "Titanic" movie shot their sequences before the deal was made; others have paid for the privilege of showing such footage.) It is that extension that is now under challenge.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

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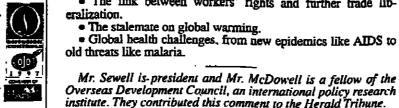
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# Focus on the Specter of a Religious Nuclear War

S TANFORD, California — There is probably nothing more dangerous that has happened on the Indian Subcontinent since independence in 1947 than last week's series of nuclear tests. But the American government's reaction to them, while understandable, may turn out to be, in its way, equally

dangerous.

The American economic sanctions, taken by themselves, will not have much effect on the Indian economy, since they represent no more than I percent of India's gross national product.

But if the American government is able to persuade the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to cancel aid and loans to India, the effect would be devastating.

The decision to carry out the tests was made by India's unstable minority government, led by the Bharatiya Janata Party, the "Hindu First" party that has emerged in the last 20 or so years.

Its hidden agenda all along has been to undermine the foundations of secular India and to oppress the Muslim minority. In recent years, some of the party's rhetoric and overt chauvinism have been toned down to win votes, but the changes have been cosmetic.

By playing the nuclear card only two months after coming to office, the Bharatiya Janata Party has become popular in a way that it never was before. Since President Richard Nixon opened the door to China, India has not figured much in geopolitical calculations. By

By Ved Mehta

greatness - illusory though it may be. Still, it could be that the Indian government's decision to go ahead with the tests has less to do with international stature than with domestic politics.

At present, the Bharatiya Janata Party is kept in power only on the sufferance of a motley assemblage of 14 parties and of a diminished Congress (I) Party. But the nuclear tests may help the party to consolidate its power both in New Delhi and in the country at large.

Commentators are drawing parallels between the effective sanctions against South Africa during the later stages of apartheid and those now being mobilized against India. But a better par-

allel might be with Iraq.
Sanctions against South Africa esas in Iraq, sanctions against India would hit the poor and deprived the hardest because, of course, the international aid projects in the pipeline are directed toward ameliorating their lot.

Thus sanctions would become a rallying point for fanatical nationalism and so help to prop up a weak, incompetent government. Pushed into a corner, India may de-

cide, much as Saddam Hussein's Iraq has done, to substitute jingoism for economic realities and to blame the West for all its ills.

independence, no Indian government has made such necessities a priority.

Instead, resources have been diverted to big industrial projects and to defense, with the result that India can now produce steel and missiles but is until now, fear of diplomatic reperill-equipped to fight the spread of diseases such as amoebic dysentery, hepatitis, malaria and tuberculosis.

The general perception is that India has two enemies, China and Pakistan. But the Chinese threat lies beyond the and does not just apply them mechan-Himalayas, and the Chinese are too preoccupied with their own problems to be interested in taking on India's. Border disputes and incursions continue between the two countries, but they have no nuclear dimension.

India's real enemy has always been Pakistan, and vice versa. The contensentially punished the well-to-do. But, tion that Pakistan has long been a proxy for Chinese ambitions in the subcontinent, even if true, does not militate against my point.

For some reason, the most bitter wars are internecine - wars between members of the same family or same tribe. And, of course, Pakistanis are all originally Indians.

Pakistan already has its own nuclear capability, and there will now be no way to stop it from going ahead with its own nuclear tests. And because the conflict between

India and Pakistan is rooted in religion blatantly joining the nuclear club, As it is, most Indians are illiterate, and not in economic systems—unlike He contributed however, India now has a sense of nearly 80 percent of the population the Cold War between the United New York Times.

does not have anything approximating a lavatory and the drinking water is not danger of nuclear war is much greater. safe in any part of the country. Since Religious passions, once inflamed, are uncontrollable, and the capitals of India and Pakistan are only a few minutes

away from each other by missile. India has had nuclear capability since its first nuclear test in 1974 but, cussions kept it from going ahead with

further tests. The West can have considerable leverage with India if it uses the threat of sanctions with diplomacy and tact ically, as it is doing now.

So far, the American reaction has been sweeping and sanctimonious, and the Clinton administration has been devoid of any sober judgment of the fragility of India's present coalition government and of how best to wield American influence.

There has been a lot of diversionary self-flagellation about the Central Intelligence Agency's being asleep at the wheel when, in fact, any casual tourist in India would have known about the aggressive nuclear policy of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

What America — and, by extension, Japan and the West — should concentrate on now is the specter of religious nuclear war.

The writer is the author of 21 books. including "Remembering Mr. Shawn's New Yorker" and "Portrait of India." He contributed this comment to The

# Who Is Bibi? It's Time for the U.S. to Demand an Answer

By Thomas L. Friedman

WASHINGTON — Surely it must mean something. How can it not? How can it be that in the same week that Israel's prime min-

ister, Benjamin Netanyahu, arrived in Washington to face a U.S.-imposed deadline on the peace process, the Israeli public was far more interested in the fact that an Israeli transsexual diva had won the Eurovision song contest?
The Israeli singer, Yaron Co-

hen, has been known ever since a sex change five years ago as the female vocalist Dana International. She won the prestigious Eurovision song contest in Britain on May 9 — one of the most widely televised events in Europe and the Middle East - and when word of Dana International's victory spread through Israel, late-night celebrating broke out in the main square of Tel Aviv. Over in Jerusalem, though,

which will host next year's Eurovision song contest, the ul-

upset Jerusalem's mayor, Ehud Olmert, who was quoted by The Associated Press as calling his deputy a blabbermouth. Meanwhile Dana Internation-

al, who favors feather and sequin dresses, took it all in stride, saying: "I am just so proud to represent my country. If only the peace process got this much attention.

Why hasn't it? Largely because most of the Israeli public knows that all this haggling over percentages has little to do with Israeli security, and much to do with Mr. Netanyahu's coalition.

The truth is that Israelis these days are more interested in who they are — particularly in the rising cultural war between secular and religious — than in who the Palestinians are.

The Israeli public knows this conflict is headed for a twotra-orthodox Deputy Mayor state solution of some kind or Haim Miller declared that events another and just wants it re- ted. Bibi has not, largely be- Bibi leading. But because he is

like Eurovision should "stay in solved in a safe, orderly man-the land of the gentiles." This ner. The public assumes that is what Mr. Netanyahu is doing. But is he? The amazing thing

about Mr. Netanyahu is that after two years in office no one is still sure who he is. Mr. Netanyahu's media adviser and confidant, David Bar-Ilan, was quoted in this week's New Yorker as saying of Bibi: "It's not possible to read what he feels, even with me. I never feel I know what's in his heart or mind. I don't know who does."

The whole thrust of recent U.S. diplomacy has been an effort to find out who he is, by putting together a proposal that meets Mr. Netanyahu's basic demands — that the parties begin final status talks immediately, that Palestinians take concrete steps to combat terrorism before they get any more land, and that the interim withdrawals be as small as possible

before final status talks. The Palestinians have accep-

cause he is unwilling to con- so much better at spinning than coalition, which does not want to give up anything. Mr. Netanyahu knows he has

to withdraw, but he does not want to alienate his far right, which touches something in his own soul. He wants to be Nixon going to China and still be honored by the John Birch Society.

Bibi is behaving as if he has

three options: 1) No deal with the Palestinians, but no deterioration in relations with the Americans or the Arabs. 2) A deal based on a magic formula that will satisfy the Palestinians and every extremist in his coalition. 3) A deal with the Palestinians, but one that will reguire him to actually lead - to openly confront the far-right wing of his coalition or to form a national unity government Option one is an illusion; this

status quo will not hold forever. Option two is an illusion; there is no such pain-free formula. That leaves only option three:

front the far right of his at deciding, his first instinct is always to spin. It is time for the United States to stop this charade and find out just who Bibi is.

The United States has put a fair compromise on the table. Bibi has deliberately kept the Israeli public in the dark about it, always emphasizing only the costs and never, ever, the benefits.

Bill Clinton should now make sure that every Israeli understands every detail of the U.S. plan. If Mr. Netanyahu thinks he can get a better deal, then he should negotiate with Yasser Arafat directly. If he thinks he can live with the status quo, then please, go ahead, and leave us Americans alone. But he must not be allowed to hide behind U.S. diplomacy, and a virtual peace process, and then think he can blame America when the inevitable breakdown comes.

This is Bibi's moment, and it will be decided by whoever he turns out to be. I just hope he knows.

The New York Times.

# To Help Japan, America Must Change Its Shrill Tune

NORFOLK, Connecticut — By Patrick Smith

Ever more adamantly — or
do I mean arrogantly? — WashMinister Ryutaro Hashimoto at 1994. Then she proffered a defearer protocol requiring Japan ington officials instruct Japan to reform its economy by doing

this, and this and then this. The current demand among U.S. policymakers is public spending and tax cuts equal to 2 percent of Japan's national output. And clean up the banking sector while you're at it. Such, in part, was President

focused meeting to deal with this issue.

countries in any meeting on globalization.

alization, then we are all poorer.

broad issues such as:

and the most vulnerable nations.

the just-ended Group of Eight meeting. Let's call it the "hand raised" approach to Japan. There is also the "hand out"

approach, on display during Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's recent visit to Tokyo. First she asked Japan to pick up part of the U.S. share of the nuclear-freeze deal that Wash-Bill Clinton's message to Prime ington cut with North Korea in

A Globalization Summit

By John W. Sewell and Michael H. C. McDowell

WASHINGTON — The Group of Eight leaders discussed the

problems of globalization at their recent summit meeting, but what the world really needs is a much more inclusive and

Globalization is now too large a topic for the G-8 leaders. They

no longer dominate the global economy and are only part of this essential debate. What is needed is a one-time "globalization

summit" of two dozen representative heads of state or government

from the old industrial countries, the emerging economic powers

at the same time, buffer its costs for those states that risk exclusion

from the globalized economy. We must respond decisively when

economic crisis but no coherent, directed discussion among polit-

benefits of globalization reach all, creating greater wealth for all. If

the poorest countries are unable to reap the benefits of glob-

nomic dynamism, through global markets, that provides the resources to attack poverty. Booming international trade can help

bolster the new economic powers, emerging market states and

A globalization summit meeting obviously must address ques-

tions of international financial reform. But it also must address

• The link between workers' rights and further trade lib-

Mr. Sewell is president and Mr. McDowell is a fellow of the

old industrial economies depends on new markets.

The stalemate on global warming.

Poverty leads to conflict, social unrest and disease. It is eco-

globalization's dynamics throw entire economies into a tailspin.

We must maximize the undoubted benefits of globalization and,

We have seen ad hoc, last-minute action to deal with Asia's

fense protocol requiring Japan to pay more for security arrange-

ments nearly half a century old. The United States may want a more responsive, responsible Japan. That, at least, has been its refrain since President John F. Kennedy lectured Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda on the subject in the summer of 1962.

But does Washington encourage Japan to assume either the economic or security obligations it should? If you consider what Washington does instead of what it says, it is hard to avoid concluding that generations of policy planners have preferred a Japan that takes orders to the one they profess to desire.

The Japanese have a name for the shrill cajoling that U.S. officials habitually permit themselves when dealing with Tokyo. They call it gaiatsu, outside pressure, and it has pervaded U.S.-Japan relations for

most of the postwar era. Washington can credit gaiatsu with opening Japan to everything from baseball bats to beef, citrus fruit, semiconductors and car parts. Gaiatsu might now result in a new tax stimulus or in more public spending.

ical leaders and no clear plan to avoid another debacle. The next crisis might be just around the corner and the world is not ready to But that is not the point. Gaiatsu does nothing to alter the The emerging economic powers, as well as the weaker ones, are boosted or weakened by the highs and lows of global market system that produces the problems Americans complain about. swings. It is in the interest of the world community to include these It does precisely the opposite: By demanding change through di-Globalization is inevitable and can be a highly positive pherigiste bureaucrats, the United nomenon that, with wise policies and tough choices, can lift all States exacerbates Japan's most boats — but we need a system in place to handle its negative aspects, anticipate its dynamics and harness those dynamics to fundamental problem - a political process that fails to reflect its serve all countries, not just the "haves." We must ensure that the citizens' values.

As a long-term strategy, gai-atsu is unlikely to prove any more effective now than it has in the past. But there is a deeper problem with this practice: It reflects a relationship in which there is too little equality and even poor regions such as sub-Saharan Africa. Future growth in the too much condescension.

Gaiatsu is ordinarily applied to trade and economic questions. But it is rooted in the other side of the U.S.-Japan relationship. Simply put, there is not much equity in the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty. How Global health challenges, from new epidemics like AIDS to could there be in a document signed in 1951, implemented a year later and last revised in

Tokyo's ties to Washington and methods" in villages which

have been off-limits to the Jap- are in any position to impose. anese public since that last revision, which was effected only less as it did in the immediate

postwar years. The accord that Secretary Albright just signed is a case in point. It calls for more Japanese logistical support for U.S. forces in the Pacific. That may be unlawful under Japan's 'peace' constitution. But the prospects for an open debate on the issue are nonetheless nil.

It is time for Washington to connect the dots. It cannot demand sweeping economic and administrative reform and at the same time preside over a relationship that keeps the Japanese frozen in a dysfunctional democracy, a creature of Cold War compromise.

form agenda of historic importance; the United States can be an essential friend as the Japanese there are no limits to such reform

Economic reform will eventually take hold in Japan. Once after a nationwide upheaval. As it does, demands for broader any candid Japanese official change will follow. And it is will explain, this allows Wash- already evident where this will ington to set the terms of the lead: to a wide-ranging national security relationship more or conversation on both the security treaty and the constitution that the United States gave to the Japanese in 1947.

It will be a daunting passage in U.S.-Japan relations. But Washington must not flinch. Indeed, it should take every opportunity to urge the Japanese toward vigorous public discourse on the many issues facing them. The benefits will belong to

everybody. Only as Japan begins to function more democratically will it begin to think for itself, and to act more responsibly in a world in which its rightful role is large.

The writer, a former Tokyo Japan now contemplates a re- correspondent for the International Herald Tribune, recently won an Overseas Press Club award and the Kiriyama prize step cautiously forward. But for his book "Japan: A Rein-Washington must accept that terpretation." He contributed this comment to the Internanone, at least, that Americans tional Herald Tribune.

# IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1898: Gladstone Dies PARIS - [The Herald says in

an Editorial:] With the death of

William Ewart Gladstone passes away a great figure of the of Communism, and, as if to closing century. No contemporary Englishman was, perhaps, as well known throughout the world. The cause of Mr. Gladstone's fame is not hard to seek His was a universal mind. Scarcely a branch of intellectual activity could be named in which he did not shine. Brilliant statesman, orator, theologian. profound and subtle thinker that he was, he appealed to all classes, and the world is truly the poorer by his death.

## 1923: Bulgarian Bill

SOFIA - M. Stambolisky, the peasant Dictator of Bulgaria, has introduced a Bill providing for the institution of Commu-The problem here is simple: nism "on Russian principles

contain ten Communist electors. The confiscatory process. which in Russia affected only the bourgeois class, is to be limited in Bulgaria to the partisans render the whole experiment 3 farce, Communists who feed otherwise than from the common dish will be taken out and shot, and children will vote on an equality with adults.

#### 1948: China Christians SINGAPORE - Chinese Com-

munists are carrying out a "systernatic program" of persecution of all Christian religions in North China, a Roman Catholic journalist just arrived from Shanghai told "The Singapore Straits Times." He said that Communist persecution of Christian religions which "followed wherever Communist control is established is not everywhere of the same intensity but follows a strikingly uniform pattern."

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Regarding "The Numbers Come Out of a Hat — Israel Needs Guarantees" (Opin-ion, May 16) by Charles

Krauthammer: Mr. Krauthammer does not seem to concern himself with the facts that led to the recent confrontation between Secre-

# Cure for False Hope? Not From Science

WASHINGTON - Now that we have come through another eruption of inflated reports of the imminence of a cure for cancer, it would be useful to examine the causes of these recurrent apeutic progress has been very slow. Nonetheless, the public is repeatedly The place to look is at the intersection barraged with ever-hopeful communiques whose promises rarely, if ever, of the politics of cancer research and the peculiarities of writing about medical

By Daniel S. Greenberg

pan out. Where do they come from? On the medical-scientific side they oriscience for the general press. It was at ginate in a cancer research and treatment that junction that the latest episode ocestablishment that tirelessly assures the curred, starting with a front-page report in The New York Times (IHT, May 4) public of progress in the belief that good news is indispensable for maintaining that was both accurate and irresponsible political and financial support.

The federal National Cancer Institute runs a large propaganda operation that routinely belts out reports of progress,

Careat to the reader: Propaganda operations regularly belt out reports of progress.

though, in fact, a quarter-century of the so-called war on cancer has produced only a slight downturn in the cancer death rate.

In harmony with the Cancer Institute. the voluntary American Cancer Society annually stages seminars at which prominent cancer scientists brief medical writers on developments in research. Progress is a constant theme, as is usually the case in other outings by leading figures in cancer research.

Typical of these was an interview in 1983 in Medical World News with the director of the National Cancer Institute, under the title, taken from his responses, "The worst problem is pessimism.

Q. The New York Times recently ran

a front-page story with several big names in medicine all more or less saving a breakthrough is imminent in the search for cancer's cause. Do you agree?

A. I think it's already happened. Our ability to analyze the genetics of a cell - cancerous or normal - is extraordinary now ... And that's why people ... are willing to say that by the end of this century we'll know the etiology of cancer and maybe enough to cradicate it.

On the science-writing side, the persistent difficulty is that science moves slowly and uncertainly and rarely produces "Eureka" events for easy encapsulation in news reports. Educis are generally untutored in science and brought up on a news diet that emphasizes emphatic events, such as votes, battle outcomes and sports scores. They are baffled by the clusive nature of the scientific process. In turn, science writers, eager to justify their employ-ment with publishable goods, can be vulnerable to exaggerated claims of wondrous progress against disease. It is not politic to report after an expensive trip to a Cancer Society briefing that news was sparse or nonexistent.

The outcome of these pressures is a protective formula: the medical breakthrough article that opens with a trumpet blast of hope, quickly followed by nota-

tions of past disappointments.

Editors should be the first line of defense against hallucinatory reports of medical progress. When they fail, as they often do, the public should arm itself with skepticism against the sucker reports that have become all too prevalent in medical

The writer is a visiting scholar in the history of science, medicine and technology at Johns Hepkins University.

# May His Writing Career Rest in Pieces

By Richard Cohen

WASHINGTON — In its June 1 edition, The New Republic published a fare, if not unique, obituary. It was for the journalistic career of Stephen Glass, 25, who in a short but fication, Mr. Glass created the Jukt Web dazzling tenure as an associate editor had published 41 articles, some of them his own article. There is a kind of genius brilliant but at least one of them, it here, not to mention a pathetic deterseems, "made up out of whole cloth." For this, Mr. Glass was summarily dismissed and, as should be the case with corrupt journalists, publicly disgraced.

Quickly and with commendable alacrity, Mr. Glass's other outlets followed suit. George magazine let him go and so did Harper's. Based on a hunch, The Washington Post, which used Mr. Glass once on a free-lance basis, is not going to do so again. would recommend the young man seek another line of work.

It is traditional in these sorts of situations for journalists to condemn the miscreants and then move on. The Glass case, though, requires us to pause. First, we should note that this is a tragedy. I have just read a number of Mr. Glass's articles, and they are extremely well-written — either acutely reported or marvelously inventive, entertaining either way.

Take, for instance, the article that got Mr. Glass into so much trouble. It was called "Hack Heaven," and it was about a 15-year-old computer backer, Ivan Restil, who penetrates the security of a software firm named Jukt Micronics.

'Once he got past the company's online security system, he posted every employee's salary on the company's Web site alongside more than a dozen of the first lady." pictures of naked women," Mr. Glass

wrote. Then, in a triumph of false verisite himself — and used it to denounce mination to crash a career.

problems, it is instructive to examine how he got away with what he did. In the first place, it is always an advantage to quote nonexistent people since they,

like the dead, are not likely to protest. Aside from that, though — young people take note - it helps to write

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about computers and such things, because most editors over 35 are not going to know enough to question any-

In this respect, Mr. Glass is like Nicholas Leeson, then 28, who lost more than \$1 billion for Britain's oldest investment bank, Barings, in 1995 by trading in futures and options linked to Japanese stock prices. His elders apparently understood little of what he was doing with his computer, and the bank, as a result, is no more

But it is not only in computers that Mr. Glass was able to snooker his editors. He apparently brought them a world they little understood but were sure existed: for instance, rightist wackos who believe that "Bill Clinton is really a woman — the lesbian lover

An article about Alan Greenspan of

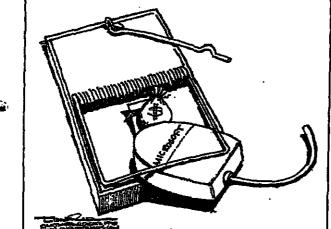
the Federal Reserve told us about the Wall Street firm of RBL, where the bond traders are so busy that a barber visits them at their desk, a college intern "writes a weekly cultural summary so that traders can fake it at parties," and the harried workers do not even get to go to the toilet. A handheld urinal normally used by Whatever Mr. Glass's personal cops on stakeouts" is used. I confess I oblems, it is instructive to examine read that in disbelief but concluded it had to be true. Otherwise, The New Republic would not have printed it.

Is any of this true? Who knows? We live in a world where the old do not understand the young, where anything written about computers or, especially, the Web is going to be believed, where fortunes are made in derivatives (whatever they are) and rightists in coonskin caps supposedly infest the woods, hunting for black helicopters.

We rely on editors to guide us, but Mr. Glass's tolerated an unconscionable amount of anonymous sources and, apparently, lacked the sort of biting cynicism that journalism requires: a religious belief in absolutely nothing, a conviction that nothing can be taken on faith. His stuff is full of gasp-inducing facts, too good to be believed, except, of course, by the editors who believed.

Mr. Glass, as they used to say, ap-parently knew his customers. He is like the storied son of immigrants, adaptable to the new country, able to speak the language, a usurper of the father's role. For the moment, it is the young who explain the world to the old. This is not what God intended.

You can look that up on the Web. The Washington Past



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kohl's Euro 'Genius'

inflictions of false hope.

- and widely echoed:

years.

Within a year, if all goes well, the first cancer patient will be injected with

two new drugs that can eradicate any type

of cancer, with no obvious side effects

The report cautioned that high hopes

for cancer cures have gone unfulfilled

many times. But it also quoted the Nobel

laureate James (Double Helix) Watson

as saying that the scientist running the research "is going to cure cancer in two

The U.S. cancer population currently

numbers about 12 million living diagnosed cases, 1.2 million new cases per

ear, and accounts for more than

As the report ricocheted around the

country, thousands of patients desper-

ately appealed for the miracle "cure"

that at this point is merely a promising,

long-studied phenomenon induced in

As such it is the latest in a long line of

"miracle" cures that include immunity

boosters and other drugs, new forms of

radiation therapy, new surgical strategies and combinations of all of

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560,000 deaths annually.

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and no drug resistance — in mice."

Right to Compromise" (Opin-rael over the American pro-ion. May 12) by Norman posal that Israel cede 13 per-Birnbaum:

The differences between Bank to Palestinian control. the two European Central What the United States Bank candidates, Jean-Claude pulled out of a hat was not just a Trichet and Wim Duisenberg, number, but a formula that are barely noticeable. They both practice tired, low-infla- from total collapse. Mr. Nettion politics derived and guided by the Bundesbank's economics manual.

was genius not in its economic ones. He managed to preserve pride while also exhibiting to the other 10 euro participants Germany's capacity to comising an occurrence for Europe as the implementation of the euro itself.

ALEXANDRE LEVIANT.

#### Faster, Faster

Regarding "Can Germany Catch the High-Tech Train?" (April 21).

man "maglev" train contains two statements that misleadingly support supposed advantages of such trains over

conventional wheel-rail ones. It states that the speed of conventional trains "is limited in large part by friction for You" (Meanwhile, May 6) with the steel rails on which by Jonathan Yardley: they ride.

In fact, at speeds of 300 kilometers an hour or more, almost all the power is being used to overcome air resistance, and the additional at 25. It has taken many thoutolling friction is a minor sands of years of cautious component. The proof of this thought and trial and error for is that the French TGV, with man, through the use of mediwheels running on tracks, cine and surgery, to give us a reached a speed of 515.3 ki-good, healthy and fulfilling lometers an hour on May 18, 1990, a higher speed than the maglev has reached.

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LOUIS T. CERNY. Gaithersburg, Maryland.

# Peace by the Numbers

tary of State Madeleine Al-bright and Prime Minister Regarding "Kohl Was Benjamin Netanyahu of Iscent of the occupied West

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number, but a formula that would save the peace process anyahu himself had solicited the Clinton administration for ideas on breaking the impasse after The decision by Mr. Kohl months of fruitless mediation.

Mr. Netanyahu's security implication but in its political argument for limiting further deployment is a smokescreen Mr. Chirac's reputation and All along he has declared his distaste for the Oslo accords, which are based on the exchange of occupied land for promise. The latter is as prom- peace. He wants peace without giving up much land, to keep Palestinians hedged securely within scattered en-

This demonstrates the limits of the Israeli government's understanding of the Pales-tinian people's resolve to es-tablish their own viable state and to live peacefully, along-side Israel, as they are legally The article about the Ger- and morally entitled to do. S.A. SHERIF.

#### Don't Go Gently

Regarding "Fat. Balding and Flagging? There's a Fix

Mr. Yardley seemingly regrets man's rise from living in damp caves and dying from infected cuts, animal bites, starvation or just plain old age good, healthy and fulfilling life to at least 80, and soon

100, years. If the use of these medi-The article also describes cines and surgeries will extend some of the pleasures in life to almost the end, why does he disparage them? Is their use so much less deshould go gently into decrepinude at 60, as he seems to choose to do, and as our

grandfathers did? EDMOND PACHNER. Kensington, Maryland.

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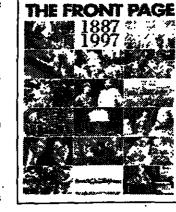


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# A Place in the Sun for 2 Young Actors

Joan Dupont International Herald Tribune

ANNES — Elodie Bouchez and Natacha Regnier, down and out in Erick Zonca's "La Vie Revee des Anges" (The Dream Life of Angels), have found a place in the sun at Cannes. The actors have won the kind of welcome this festival loves to give young talent, with headlines like "The Angels Fly."

Actually, in this first film, set in Lille, these girls are no angels - just dreamers, blue-collar vagrants looking for a perch to settle. "Erick wanted Marie to be darker," Bouchez said, referring to Regnier's role, "but I think it's good that she looks like an angel, and has this sour side. And the contrast between our physical type works."

Minute and punchy, Bouchez, 25, who already made a splash in Andre Tech-ine's "Wild Reeds," is now being compared to Sandrine Bonnaire in Agnes Varda's "Sans Toit ni Loi" for her part as the resourceful Isa, a restless tomboy. "Erick chose me because of Techine's film," she said. "He went for a certain generosity and innocence I had then. But I made that movie four years ago, and I've changed. I had trouble getting into the character of Isa: she was vague to me until we started shooting. Once I got the haircut, the clothes, the backpack, it clicked. From then on, I never once looked in the mirror and it freed me." Willowy, reserved Regnier, 25, who had a small part in Pascal Bonitzer's

"Encore," plays her first big role: the tacitum, violent Marie, a fair beauty with dark thoughts and a smack of backstreet ambition to her character.

"I don't know anybody like Marie," she said, "but I stole small things from Charlotte Gainsbourg in 'La Petite Voleuse' and people I know, not movie people. I was moved by Sylvia Plath's 'The Bell Jar.' Not that Marie is that girl, but she's too alone, cut off, and when she sees a chance at love, she goes for it." Nothing terrible has happened to these girls, but nothing good either.

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"They aren't social cases or anything," Bouchez said. "They meet at a sewing factory in Lille where Isa has just been fired. They're trying to make it on their own, and they didn't do studies or specialize in anything. They're from a petit milieu — Isa could care less, but Marie

Girls with similar roots see life differently, but the relationship takes off and becomes intense. Marie lets Isa share a flat she squats in, which belongs to a girl who has been in an accident and is in a coma. The girls try to break through some barriers and get into some of the local action; they do a number on the bouncers to get into a club, but never get past the door, although Marie goes to bed, first with a bouncer (Patrick Mercado), fat and sloppy, who turns out to be a good man, then with the club owner (Gregoire Colin), rich, handsome, a

Zonca, born in Orleans, studied acting body." first with Blanche Salan in Paris during the 1970s, and then in New York. Back in France, he worked in films and television and made three shorts. He said he found Isa when he was casting one of the shorts and met a girl with a backpack who struck him as self-confident. Marie was inspired by a young woman "in total rebellion with the whole world."

"Erick worked with us in very dif-ferent ways," Bouchez said. "With me, he had a light touch, he was playful; it was almost as if I were a clown. Actually Isa's humor was something I discovered on my own, and then he liked it. He was cool.

'Not with me!" Regnier said. "Every day we started out with this real desire to work together, and by the end of the day, there were scenes and storms some days, big storms. But what counted was starting out fresh again the "It was his first film, and we could

was good, because with each film, we learn something - no director is Bouchez, like her character, has a wide grin and ebullient spirit. "Not that I'm really an Isa," she said. Regnier is not so much secretive or shy as de-

termined to come out with a defining

see he was searching; nothing was completely fixed," Bouchez said. "But that

"Isa is more independent, but she

weak rotter. This is the man Marie falls can't live without others," Bouchez said. "Marie can live without any-

> Differences between the girls are accentuated when Isa pays hospital visits to the young girl in the coma, while Marie has a violent affair with the club

"I think that at one point, Marie is lost," Regnier said. "She had a lot of people around, but then, she's alone again, and the distress of finding herself back in solitude is worse - when you don't know you're alone, it's not so

The actors shared a room during the shooting and became friends. They also share a passion for cinema d'auteur. Bouchez is shooting a new film here at Cannes, "Les Kidnappeurs," directed by Graham Guit. "I'm maman gun moll," she said with relish. Regnier will be in Francois Ozon's "Les Amants Criminels," shooting this summer, with Jeremie Renier, the boy who was in the Belgian film, "La Promesse" by the Dardenne brothers.

EGNIER said she always dreamed of acting but never believed, growing up in Brus-sels, that she could make it. "I had a passion for cinema, but I thought it was out of bounds. I would like to play an intense, passionate part — that's what I want most.'

Bouchez, raised in the Paris suburbs, agrees that what happened to her is unreal. "You could call it un reve amer-

Elodie Bouchez, left, and Natacha Regnier star in Zonca's first film.

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What about an award at Cannes? 'Great! I don't come from a poor fam-

icain," she said, quoting Juliette
Binoche when she received her Oscar
or fancy either — as a kid, I loved to act
and dance," Bouchez said. "Up to now, I've played a lot of romantic roles, and I'd like to break that image. I think I've

# Dysfunctional Families and Tales of Abuse

By Joan Dupont International Herald Tribune

ANNES - Mysteriously, an epidemic seems to hit different corners of the world at the same time, and movies with certain themes crop up at Cannes.

This year, dysfunctional families and abuse loom large, from the secret un-spoken kind, as in "The Celebration" (Festen) by Thomas Vinterberg of Denmark and "Ski School" (Le Classe de Neige) by Claude Miller of France, to outright sadism in "Dance to My Song," a film by an Australian, Rolf de Heer, about a crippled woman tortured by her caretaker.

In another vein, several films deal with damaged adults from hard backgrounds, handled realistically in Ken Loach's "My Name Is Joe" and given a French provincial twist in Erick Zonca's "La Vie Revee des Anges." Vinterberg signed Dogma 95, a list of

taboos that Lars Von Trier drew up limitations as a source of inspiration. The collective's rules include exclusive use of handheld cameras, no artificial light or added sound. Vinterberg has taken a "vow of chastity," swearing to refrain from signing his film or "creating a work, seeing the instant as more

important than the whole."
This sounds not very festive, but "The Celebration" actually is a breath of fresh air — a brilliant piece of ensemble acting, well written and edited, spookily funny. Three grown children of an honored patriarch come home to the grand manor to celebrate his 60th birthday. Helge (Henning Moritzen) and his gracious wife (Birthe Neumann), look as if they have a lot to celebrate — huge riches, big family, loving friends. Christian (Ulrich Thornsen), the eldest, a somber blond Hamlet, is the good son, but he has come to reveal the family secrets: His twin, Linda, committed suicide a few months

earlier, and he knows why. Helene (Paprika Steen), the other sister, is also on the trail of Linda's motives. Michael, (Thomas Bo Larsen), who turns up with wife and kids, is the brat bent on behaving outrageously.

Afraid of his own emotion, Helge has asked Christian to say a few words about the family tragedy in his toast. The words Christian chooses bring pandemonium to the banquet table, all the way back to the kitchen quarters, where the help, who have been waiting for this kind of explosion, orchestrate the rest of the night's festivities.

The zooming camera, hectic motion and blurry video imagery work marvels on this gracefully plotted mayhem. It's like dining with Visconti's creatures in "The Damned" in the age of virtual reality. Despite the dogma, the director is in charge of this candlelit toast to family chaos.

"Family Life" is the name of Ken Loach's 1972 movie, and it could also

go with a few of his recent films. Yet the director has expanded his observation of lower-class life, taking in the ironies, closing in on his finely drawn characters gradually, with compassion. "My Name Is Joe," set in a poor Glasgow neighborhood. is his most fictional film in the genre; Loach has put radical politics and the documentary approach aside and

trained on a love story. Joe (Peter Mullan) is a reformed alcoholic, on the jumpy. He has engaging buoyancy, not real confidence; he cares

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for people and it radiates from him. He leads a ragged local soccer team - its players always lose, look as terrible as anybody out of "Trainspotting" and have even thicker accents - and keeps an eye on Liam (David McKay), a



wagon barely a year, and A scene from the Ken Loach film "My Name Is Joe," a love story set in Glasgow.

young man who has done time and trouble and she walks into it. When Joe whose wife is on her way down, from

drugs to dealing to prostitution.

Then Joe meets Sarah (Louise Goodall), a health worker and professional caretaker. Joe is simply neither on her agenda, nor of her class. He means

has to act to save Liam, he rushes right back down into bad company and dangerous ways. Loach never stoops to sentimentalize,

he stretches his characters beyond the everyday to tragic dimensions.

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True, Peter Bowles as the

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# A Magnificent Shaw and a Full Plate of Pinter first night, and Jemma the great explosives shed at to be paid for Undershaft's nobody can complain about 1960s; "The Collection" is Redgrave seemed an oddly un- Undershaft's munitions facto- seductive philosophy.

In a strong cast, David Yelperformances, like so many in children to the benefits of dy- land is an unusually pugnathe Hall seasons, will soon namite is infinitely more tri- cious Cusins and Michael settle down; when they do we umphant than anything Pennington splendid as an Alfred Dolittle It is here, in Undershaft's in embryo. With the lyrical defense of the power National about to settle into a summer

"Oklahoma!" three plots going on here: the dicting that the world can and the RSC already only be run by men who are out of the Barbican. prepared to kill and be killed it is Hall's company at the now meet some 29 years later, for their beliefs. Only when Piccadilly that continues to awakening to find her doctor keep the tension going. Hall gives us, at curtain fall, give London the right to con- and sister (Bill Nighy and the sounds of the guns at sider itself the capital of ma-

If one play by Harold Pinter is good, then two must be better and three best? That certainly is the thinking behind new stagings at the Donmar Warehouse of "A Kind of Alaska," "The Collection" and "The Lover," and at al-

ton) is Deborah, who fell into a coma when Brid Brennan) trying to ex-

plain how she has come to lose three whole decades in sleep. The play is about the unmind remains desperately un-

able to thaw so quickly, and it remains one of the most touch-

too brief a Pinteresque outing. a betrayal thriller with the "A Kind of Alaska" dates same events played and refrom 1982 and is derived from played through the eyes of Oliver Sacks's discoveries each of four characters (Lia about patients drawn Williams, Colin McFarlane, back from years of Douglas Hodge and a sinister catatonic lethargy. silk-dressing-gown turn from Pinter's patient (a Pinter himself) caught up in fine Penelope Wil- what may or may not be a series of gay and straight affairs. What matters here is the she was 16 and we mystery, not the solution, and Joe Harmston manages to

But "The Lover" ways seemed to me a curious series of variations on a theme by Molnar, who in "The Guardsman" first set up the freezing of the body while the idea of a married couple only . happy in their own bed when masquerading as illicit lovers.

All the same, a Pinter treble ing and timeless of his works. of unresolved menace is a re-The other two are televi- markable tribute to his unique most three and a half hours sion scripts from the early stagecraft over 40 years.

# Two Triumphs of Monteverdi

David Stevens International Herald Tribune

RUSSELS — Almost simultaneously, La Monnaie here is giving two Monteverdi stage works in productions imported, as it were, from outside the operatic world — way outside.

Trisha Brown, the American choreographer, mounted "L'Orieo" of 1607, the earliest opera to hold the stage, using the 10 dancers of her own company and persuading the singers to join in the movement to an extraordinary extent. "Il Ritorno d'Ulisse in Patria," which dates from 37 years later, was entrusted to William Kentridge and his Handspring Puppet Company of Johannesburg.
For Brown, long a fixture of the contem-

porary dance scene in New York, the approach to "L'Orfeo" over the last three years was through a series of dance works set to pivotal scores by Bach, Webern and Monteverdi himself. All this preparation paid off in a convincing production, expressive in its mass movements, and if it did not quite make the singers into dancers, it did integrate them into a choreographed whole.

Simon Keenlyside, the splendid baritone chestra of period instruments, including brass,

Roland Aeschlimann's single set was a Penelope of Guillemette Laurens. glowing circular projection — some heavenly body that changed color, went into eclipse or was crushed by an advancing wall, expressionistically reflecting events in the drama.

Although "L'Orfeo" was for a princely given in 1640 in one of Venice's public theat-

books of the Odyssey and the return of Odysseus (Ulisse) to his palace and Penelope. But the production in the Lunatheater did not take a

literal approach to the story, to say the least. Aside from the company's life-size handmanipulated puppets, Kentridge took his inspiration from Rembrandt's celebrated "Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Tulp," with the stage outfitted like half of a circular anatomy theater. On the bed is Ulisse, not a corpse but not in

very good shape either. In one of the spectators' rows are six string musicians, members of the Ricercar Consort, with Philippe Pierlot directing from his viola da gamba. Each puppet not only has his principal manipulator, but also a deputy who also happens to be the singer of that particular role.

Ulisse is not only the body on the bed, his body images are also projected onto a screen above — CAT-scans, X-rays etc. — until the returned hero gets off the bed and slaughters the importunate suitors who have been pestering Penelope and cluttering up his palace while he was away at war - or perhaps just dreaming the whole thing. The long score was trimmed of its secondary plots and concen-

trated on Ulisse's existential dilemma. This may sound bizarre, but it was oddly Orfeo, and Juanita Lascarro, as Euridice and La
Musica, headed a fine cast under the expetouching and the relationship between singrienced musical direction of Rene Jacobs, who ers. puppets and instrumentalists worked. It had at his disposition a relatively large orheaded by the Ulisse of Scot Weir and the

"Il Ritorno" runs until May 22, then goes to the Vienna Festival, May 28-June 1; the Hebbel Theater in Berlin, June 5-9; the Holland Festival, June 22-25, and to Zurich, Sept. 1-5. "L'Orfeo" runs to May 23, then goes to entertainment in Mantua, "Il Ritorno" was the Barbican in London, June 3-6; the Festival of Aix-en-Provence in France, July 14-19, and ers. The eventful later work relates the closing the Brooklyn Academy of Music in 1999.



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# HOT TICKETS FOR JOB CREATION

f you're about to graduate from college with qual-ifications needed by Germany's IT (information technologies), electronics, communications, chemicals, automotive and industrial engineering sectors, congratulations you're holding a hot ticket. If your degree is in computer engineering, there's even better news: You are the most sought-after person in the German economy.

Germany's IT industry created 100,000 jobs both in 1996

and 1997 and expects to add on a further 90,000 in 1998. These new jobs largely stemmed from the software and services sectors, in which the number of executive and academic-level positions available increased in 1997 by 73 percent and 41 percent respectively. The new positions were for programmers, trainers and installation experts.

The strongest demand in these sectors — and in Germany's IT industry as a whole - is for Wirtschaftsinformatiker - experts trained in the use of computers in costing projects and applications. The number of positions vacant in this sector increased by 106 percent in 1997. Also being avidly snapped up by the industry are graduates with experience in setting up and maintaining Web sites and SAP software applications.

There is nothing surprising about this. These segments of Germany's IT market grew by 50 percent in 1997 alone. The explosive growth of the Internet segment spilled over into Germany's communications industry, in which the number to step up their hiring by a further 25 percent, 20 percent, 15 of positions available rose by 15 percent in 1997.

The IT sector's growth has caused a rather pleasing problem. Germany's universities and polytechnics are turning powering Germany's economic upswing, now in its fifth out 7,000 computer scientists a year. The industry is looking for nearly three times that many - 20,000 a year. This raises a question: Where are the rest coming from? The answer is industrial engineering sectors are expected to match or even from the schools of chemical engineering, geography and surpass their performances in 1997, a year in which they other departments at these institutes of higher education. The increased their total turnovers by 14 percent, 10 percent, 5.4 curricula of these schools feature a heavy use of computers. percent, 6.4 percent and 4.3 percent respectively.

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But the IT industry is by no means the only sector in the German economy looking for computer scientists — or the workforce sizes, the country's electronics, industrial engineering, automotive and chemical industries are expected percent and 10 percent respectively in 1998.

Not surprisingly, these job-creating sectors are the ones year. The country's economy is set to record a near 3 percent rise in GDP. The IT, electronics, automobile, chemical and

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Increasing flexibility is also appearing in the German labor market. Two examples: More than 10 million Germans work only one creating jobs. After a year of increasing their total on weekends, while 45 percent of those being hired in the automobile industry receive limited-term contracts, which carry a built-in option to become lifetime ones.

Sources, Wintschalist Mache, German Federal Office of Statistics

With all of these new jobs being created, why is Germany still recording a high — if declining — rate of unemployment? Says Roland Berger, CEO of Roland Berger & Partner, one of Europe's foremost management consulting firms: "Because the German economy is well along its process of transition, is becoming one of the most knowledgedriven economies in the world. In the process, it is creating high-expertise, highly capital-intensive jobs at about the pace it is shedding low-skill ones. This shift is affecting each of the country's economic sectors and each of its companies." •

# INVESTORS FLOCK TO NEW MARKET

COTA 300.000 bought shares for the first months. time in 1997. Like the rest of the country's 4.1 million the extent of investor interest primarily interested in 12 the IPOs launched by the companies. All of them are market segment's 24 compasmall and high-tech. All went nies has been oversubpublic on the New Market, scribed. The current record is which started up on March held by Refugium Holdings.

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Along the way, the New Market has turned into a "multimillionaire-maker," in the words of Wirtschafts-Woche, the German business

weekly. The new millionaires (and Gerd Schmid, head of Mo-

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anunusiasin for new issues has by no means been a new ease and speed of screstricted to the New Market. curities dealing to the entire Virtually all of the public of- country - and strengthened shareholders, they were in the New Market. Each of ferings and rights issues the securities sector's links to made on Germany's eight stock exchanges in 1997 dustry. were also 'seriously' oversubscribed. In fact, these exchanges as a whole have been performing at record levels. In 1997, the Frankfurt

Stock Exchange's share-related turnover rose 52 percent. The exchange accounts for 80 percent of Germany's dealings in shares and se-

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What's behind investor ineven billionaires) include terest in shareholding? Is it a mentioned record rates of corproduct of the low rates of return available in the money italization rise to 25.7 billion ded provider of telecom ser- and real estate markets and of Ralph the other fundamentals driving all of the world's secu- paralleled interest now being

rities exchanges? \*The boom on Germany's mutual funds in investing in exchanges is partially attributable to these fundamentals, and to a number of nationallevel factors," says Rüdiger best-trained and best-performing in the world. The von Rosen, managing direcbest-trained and best-periodical statistics also rank the workforce as among the world's statistics also rank the workforce as among the world's Stock Promotion. "Viewed Germany is now, however, well on its way to changing this collectively, stocks offer high rates of long-term return and security of investment. The perception of these facts is rapidly spreading among Germany's investing public, which used to channel its capital into savings accounts and real estate."

Industrial wages rose an average of 1.8 percent for the year. Coupled with an equally large drop in the value of the Deutsche mark against the world's other currencies, the In 1997, cementing its position as the world's largest such 'new champions' as exporter of industrial goods (and second-largest overall SAP. The rise in profitability exporter worldwide). Germany sold products worth 887.3 recorded by nearly all of Gerbillion Deutsche marks abroad, realizing a trade surplus of many's major companies 121.7 billion Deutsche marks in the process — one of the over the past year or so has largest in the country's history. The export figure for 1997 was up 12 percent over 1996's record. And with exports currently running 13 percent higher than in 1997, the counporate Germany's increasing orientation toward enhancing corporate value, which is in the interest of shareholders. It is also an indispensable method of procurcompany.

# **MEGA-MERGER CREATES LEADER**

The pending merger between Daimler-Benz and Chrysler has a number of significant features, including its size (the new company will have annual sales of \$135 billion and 421,000 employees) and its implications for the automobile market — the new firm will be strong in all of the market's

Perhaps the most interesting aspect is where the new Daimler-Chrysler will be headquartered — in the German city of Stuttgart — and why.

According to published reports, it was Germany's muchmaligned codetermination system and tax codes that led to the choice of Stuttgart over Detroit. A product of post-World War II labor policy, codetermination gives employees a right to be consulted on all major corporate decisions.

Though recognized for its usefulness in ensuring good labor relations, this system has been criticized as being unwieldy in today's fast-moving business world and thus presenting an operating disadvantage.

Chrysler's CEO, Robert Eaton, looked at Germany's very low rate of strikes and high pace of corporate innovation, and thought otherwise. In addition, there is a tremendous difference between

Germany's maximum tax rates and the actual amount of taxes paid by its corporations, because of the generous deductions allowed by the tax codes. This was a major factor in the decision to locate the new headquarters in Stuttgart.

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Taucha, Saxony. It is the third The New Market is start- company from Germany's ing off its second year of new states to be listed on the existence with another first- market - and the first from

# RISING HIGH-TECH STARTUPS

Record levels of venture capital are flowing into young, innovative firms.

of Heidelberg and a staff researcher "The public's discovery of at the German Center of Cancer Research, mors of the brain and other difficult-to-opcrate parts of the body. He also foresaw that there would be a market for an innovative

system in this area. He has been proven correct on both counts. also played a role. These rises Professor Schlegel came up with a new sysprovide an indication of cor- tem for the treatment of this type of tumor. Its key components are an ultra-precise "cold laser" and a program providing detailed, 3-D images of tumors. Joined by several associates, he then founded a company. Its objective is to turn this innovation into a marketable product. At latest report, the company ing the equity required by the was well on its way to achieving this objective. His new system is meeting with

Another key factor pro- strong interest from the life sciences market. "There are very few innovators in Germany who are willing to take on the many difficulties associated with starting up a company in Germany," says Professor Schlegel. However, the facts would indicate that this statement, echoed by virtually every other New Market and the large and increasing

scientist-founder, is incorrect. New companies are being founded and companies flocking to Germany. ●

Tolfgang Schlegel, a professor of funded in Germany at a strong pace. There medical physics at the University are currently 3.1 million companies in Germany. This figure is rising at a respectable 80,000-a-year clip, reports the Süddeutsche Deutsche mark against the world's office the decline in unit labor costs was directly responsible for the decline in unit labor costs was directly responsible for the inspired by the success of upon conventional methods of radiating to public-sector Deutsche Ausgleichsbank (German Bank for Equalization), which supplied a whopping 10 billion Deutsche marks in low-interest loans and other forms of finance to the young companies. A further 600 million DM in venture capital was provided by the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (Credit Agency for Reconstruction). Large amounts also came from a bevy of other federal, state and local-level institu-

> ital firms (those that are members of the German Venture Capital Association) supplied a record 2.34 billion DM in fresh money in 1997. The firms' total investment in startup and other companies amounted to 7 billion DM, up 15 percent over 1996's figure, itself a record. And these figures don't include two highly productive sources of startup capital: Germany's explosively growing number of North American venture capital

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## THE VIEW FROM THE BOARDROOM

Three of Germany's top business leaders were asked what difference — if any — the advent of the euro will make in their daily business operations.



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. DAIMLER-BENZ AG

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290 million consumers living in them will share a single currency. By putting an end to the wasting of resources, the euro will free large amounts of resources for productive use.

For the Daimler-Benz group, the advent of the euro will result in savings in hedging and transaction costs amounting to 100 million Deutsche marks (\$1.7 billion) a year. But that won't be the only way we'll benefit from the introduction of this new currency. It will also provide us with great planning certainty. The use of the euro will induce a greater degree of market-wide, price-driven competitiveness, and will create a large-sized financial market. This, in turn, will extend the range of investment and financing opportunities available to us and other companies.

HENRICH VON PIERER, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF

For European companies, monetary union will mean an improved competitive position vis-à-vis American and Japanese companies. Until now, the latter could always rely on their large domestic markets. The



euro's introduction represents a major step toward a larger, more uniform European market and, hence, toward improved European competitiveness in the world The euro's introduction will lead to an intensified com-

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#### INNOVATIVE NORTH AMERICAN COMPANIES SET UP SHOP

Young North American high-techs are clustering in Germany. Those are the findings of a recent survey conducted by the Munich-based Inward Investment Services International for Bavaria's ministry for economic affairs, trans-

According to the survey, 362 American and 18 Canadian high-tech firms have set up shop in the state alone over the last two decades. After doing so, these companies have been growing rapidly—and adding on personnel in the process.

The study finds that the average foreign owned hightech firm in Bavarla is a bit more than 11.5 years old. Since its having been founded in mid-1985, the company has seen its workforce grow from 56 to 110 persons, equivalent to an annual rise of more than 7 percent, and its space (office, production or other) occupied rise from 300 square meters to nearly 1200 square meters, yielding an annual increase of 35 percent.

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# **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

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# **Documentary Makers** Seek to Explore a Boom

Nonfiction Networks Enter World of Big Deals

By Richard Covington International Herald Tribune

ANNES — At the headquarters of the nonprofit National Geographic Society in Washington, cartographers can take months fastidiously deciding where to place a dot to mark a new town on a map.

Down the hall, National Geographic's fledgling for-profit television division has rolled out new channels and programming blocks in six countries in as many months. Another service is due to start in Poland this month, and the network plans to spread its wings across all six continents by the

MEDIA end of this year. MARKETS "The map folks had 00 no idea what we were up to, but whatever it was, we were doing it too fast for their taste," said Sandy McGovern,

president of National Geographic Channels Worldwide. This month, National Geographic announced plans to take over NBC channels in Europe and Asia starting July 1. effectively multiplying its audience by five, to 25 million viewers in 22 coun-

tries, Ms. McGovern said. The deal considerably broadens Geographic's partnership with General Electric Co.'s NBC unit and expands a joint venture with British Sky Broadcasting Ltd. in Britain, Scandinavia and Australia. NBC Europe will continue to operate an independent service in Germany, according to a network spokesman.

In addition to churning out new channels, National Geographic recently created an internal council to award re-

By Amy Harmon

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - As news

of the Justice Department's

historic assault on Microsoft

Corp. spread last weekend,

been great, and the price has been right.

The government shouldn't blow a whistle just because it's a success."

crosoft has sustained attacks from all

The Microsoft lobby shows its force

sides. Federal and state governments

have threatened to - and Monday, fi-

nally did - sue the company for an-

Silicon Valley competitors raged

against its business practices. Pundits

from Ralph Nader, the consumer ac-

tivist, on the left to Robert Bork, the

former federal judge, on the right com-plained that the software company was

stifling competition. In perhaps the most memorable image of the Microsoft

backlash, an anarchist in Belgium hit

Mr. Gates, the company's chairman,

legal battle between Microsoft and vari-

ous governmental entities, the crucial challenge for the software company

may lie in the more traditional task of

winning and keeping consumers on its side. With public sensitivity to Mi-

But as the world focuses on the new

square in the face with a cream pie.

in Washington. Page 14.

titrust violations.

Over the past several months, Mi-

Robert Nolfe, 32, headed for

search grants for projects specifically aimed at supplying footage for its expanding television services, according to Michael Rosenfeld, executive producer for the network's "Explorer" series.

But, though its efforts have been impressive, Geographic is merely playing catch-up in the booming documentary business. Discovery Communications Inc., a U.S.-based documentary network, is investing \$565 million in the BBC, and A&E Television Networks has begun history channels from Mexico City to Tel Aviv.

Although annual sales of documentaries now account for only \$220 million of the \$7.5 billion in annual global sales of films and television series, they are a rapidly growing category, according to Meredith Amdur, an analyst with Baskerville Communications Corp., a media consultancy in London.

Once largely restricted to subjects such as war and wildlife, documentary programming is now spinning off some bizarre hybrids with colorful names such as "shockumentaries," "docu-soaps," "disastertainment" and "docutain-

ment." A raft of this new breed of documentary filled the booths last week here at MIP-TV, an annual international television market that draws about 10,000 producers, broadcasters and executives intent on buying and selling programs. But apart from programming, the

documentary networks are branching into lucrative merchandising and travel spin-offs. Last month, Discovery opened a 30,000-square-foot (2,700-square-meter) shop in Washington, the largest of a chain of 124 stores in the United States, Canada and Britain marketing scientific and educational equipment.

vulnerable moment not just in the

courtroom but in the marketplace.
"What Microsoft needs to do now is

improve their public perception, to look

as if they're the champion of the little guy, and to genuinely be that," said Esther Dyson, editor of the technology-

Through it all, most poll data show

the company has managed to maintain

its image among consumers as a high-

tech innovator that empowers individu-

als to do cool things with their com-

puters. And Mr. Gates continues to rank

high in popularity polls.

Nonetheless, Ms. Dyson has been urging the company to use the privacy technology it has recently acquired to

protect consumer privacy on the inter-

net. "That would be an appeal to good-

ness and truth, and it would be politically

Despite the support for Microsoft in

the polls, interviews with several dozen

computer users across the country over

the past week reflected a growing sus-

picion of the company and even a desire

to buy competing products - if they

reputation has been damaged by its clash with the government. Historians

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sarcophagus at Abu Sir in Upper Egypt. The tomb, which was discovered unlooted, was featured on National Geographic's "Explorer."

travel business, converting viewers into customers for historic tours to sites covered in its programs.

The documentary networks draw on the resources of the world's largest media companies. The 14-year-old Discovery network, which started out as a single cable service and has now grown to comprise 38 channels reaching 128 million households around the world, has investment from such media giants

as Tele-Communications Inc., Cox Communications Inc. and Advance/ Newhouse Communications Inc.

Apart from partnerships with NBC and

A&E Networks has migrated into the BSkyB, National Geographic recently announced a far-ranging co-production venture with Carlton International, the second-largest television producer in Britain after the BBC. A&E Television Networks, a joint venture of Hearst Corp., ABC Inc. and NBC, is seen in more than 115 million households across 50 coun-

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# Royal Ahold to Buy U.S. Grocery Chain

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AMSTERDAM -- Royal Ahold NV said Tuesday it would buy Giant Food Inc., a U.S. supermarket chain, for \$2.6 billion, marking the largest American acquisition by the Netherlands' biggest

The Dutch company called the acquisition a "perfect fit" with its existing operations in the United States, which include the Stop & Shop convenience stores and other supermarket chains on the East Coast.

Giant Food operates 176 supermarkets and has a prominent market position in Washington and Baltimore.

The acquisition would raise Ahold's annual sales to about 70 billion guilders (\$34.7 billion) a year. In 1997, its sales reached 50.6 billion guilders. The deal also should make a "con-

siderable" contribution to the growth of

Ahold's earnings per share, the com-The U.S. chain had sales of \$4.2 billion in the year ended Feb. 28.

Cees van der Hoeven, chairman, said Ahold was still actively looking for other acquisitions in the United States, Latin America and Asia. He also said he did not exclude the possibility that Ahold would enter larger European markets such as Britain, Italy, France and Germany.
The purchase would solidify the

Dutch retailer's lead as the largest non-U.S. food retailer in the United States and would help it trim costs, improve margins and speed growth for both companies, Ahold said

Ahold offered \$43.50 a share for all outstanding nonvoting shares in Giant-Food, which rose \$5.0625 to close at"

In addition to buying shares on the American Stock Exchange, the company said it would buy the shares held by J. Sainsbury PLC of Britain and 1224

Ahold's shares in Amsterdam rose 5.7 percent, or 3.70 guilders, to 68.50. -Ahold's acquisition of Giant Food Inc. is expected to be nondilutive to-Ahold's earnings-per-share growth in the first year following the acquisition. and significantly enhancing thereafter," the company said. "Ahold reconfirms its previously expressed expectation that net earnings and earnings per share in 1998 will be significantly.

higher than in 1997. The takeover is being paid for initially with a bridge loan and existing credit facilities and will later be refinanced by selling shares, the company said.

"It's an excellent fit," said Dennis Jullens, an analyst at ING Barings. "All in all, we're very positive. Ahold will certainly succeed in copying the success of the Stop & Shop acquisition a few

years ago."

Tom Muller of Oyens & Van Eeghen said, "This will be a stepping stone into another region.

Mr. Muller said it also should help Ahold cut its distribution and logistics -(AP. Bloomberg)

# CEO Prepares Pearson for a U.S. Push

By Youssef M. Ibrahim

Can Microsoft Put On a Friendlier Face? LONDON - Pearson PLC has been known as a somewhat dowdy, meandering, blue-blooded media group, a conglomerate run more like an investment firm than an aggressive key difference between the government action against Microsoft and that against

varied as the Financial Times, Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, 50 percent of The Economist, Pearson Television programming and Penguin, the consumer publishing outfit,

most of Simon & Schuster's operations, however, has been interpreted as a sign that the company is being prepared for a

shaped by an executive familiar with the American market -Marjorie Scardino, whose eclectic career has given her such varied roles as small-city lawyer, Pulitzer Prize winner and entrant to the upper tiers of the executive ranks in London where few women have been.

If approved by regulatory authorities, the purchase of Simon & Schuster's educational division will create a global publishing entity that ranks first in the United States. In describing the new venture in a meeting with media analysts. Mrs. Scardino, 50, said it would be "the world's leading education business.

Named chief executive 17 months ago, Mrs. Scardino set a

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#### he said that even in the Stan-dard Oil case, the surge in his local computer super-store in the Los Angeles subpublic antipathy did not urb of Burbank, not far from come until later. the headquarters and studios of Walt Disney Co. The politics are differ-

Standard Oil — to which it is

often compared - was the

degree of public outrage that

fueled the antitrust move-

ment of the early 1900s. But

ent in the sense that here you have a revolt by business rivals not coupled yet by a consumer revolt," Mr. Chernow said. "But during the 1890s the opposition to Bill Gates, lower left, Paul Allen, lower right, and Standard Oil was still com-

ing principally from people within the industry who were dealing with Rockefeller not as consumers but as businessmen. And it does seem that Microsoft is perceived in a harsher light

now than it was a year or two ago."

Down the aisle from the Nolfes, Jack Price browsed the software boxes marked Linux, a competing operating system to Microsoft's Windows, which runs on 90 percent of the world's personal computers. He said he used Windows but had heard that Linux, which cost about \$25 compared with \$100 for Windows, crashed less often.

'We need more competition," said Mr. Price, an administrator at California's environmental agency. "I've heard that a lot of the programs they have they've bought or stolen from others. I'm voting with my dollars here."

In Boston, Colin Moore, 24, an administrative assistant, said he feared Microsoft was going to take over the world, but he said he was frustrated because he did not know what to do about it. "I have a computer, and I know how to use it, but I don't know enough about alternatives,"
Mr. Moore said. "If someone came up to me and said, 'This does what Windows

Brand-image experts say Microsoft's does,' I'll switch in a heartbeat." The disparate views of Microsoft may underscore the extent to which the company has become the dominant symbol of all the social and cultural changes being wrought by digital technology in the late 1990s — and of the thrill and anxiety that go with it.

# much tighter focus with an eye to the United States, a strategy

New York Times Service

Its empire has been stitched together with interests as

and a share in the investment bank Lazard Freres & Co. The announcement Sunday that Pearson would acquire

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#### Very briefly:

- MCI Communications Corp. is considering selling all or parts of its Internet business to allay possible antitrust concerns about its planned merger with WorldCom Inc., sources familiar with the company's plans said. MCI's Internet business accounts for a small but rapidly growing portion of its
- BAT Industries PLC's British American Tobacco unit will close as many as half of its factories in Latin America over the next 10 years as part of the cigarette company's effort to trim costs by operating fewer but bigger production sites.
- Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp. will sell 22 hospitals and related facilities in four U.S. states for \$1.2 billion to nonprofit and public hospital organizations as part of its plan to slim down after several years of rapid expansion.
- •Intuit Inc., maker of the popular Quicken personal-finance software program, agreed to buy closely held Lacerte Software Corp. and a related services company for \$400 million. It plans a public offering of 8.4 million common shares to pay for the purchase.
- Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. will begin a \$1.59 billion tender offer for Allied Group Inc., in a rare hostiletakeover attempt in the insurance industry. The purchase would help build Nationwide's sales away from the U.S. East Coast, currently its main area of operations. Bloomberg. AP

# Du Pont to Take Control of Venture

WILMINGTON, Delaware - Du Pont Co. said Tuesday it was buying Merck & Co.'s 50 percent stake in their pharmaceuticals joint venture for \$2.6 billion.

Du Pont Merck had \$1.3 billion in sales in 1997. Du Pont expects to complete the purchase of Merck's share in July.

# Profit-Taking Sets In After Fed Meeting

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK -Stock prices managed small gains Tuesday, but profittaking after the Federal Reserve Board left interest rates unchanged wiped out most of the advance.

'Everyone and their brother thought they would do nothing," said Bruce Bittles, a market Hewlett-Packard. strategist at J.C. Bradford & Co., but 'people held off waiting for the to sell on good news."

have not changed interest rates since 27 cents a share a year earlier.

U.S. STOCKS

March 1997, when they raised the

target rate for overnight loans be-tween banks — the federal funds

rate — by a quarter of a percentage point, to 5.5 percent.

the course reflects low U.S. inflation

and signs that Asian economies are in

for another round of turbulence, ana-

closed 3.74 points higher at 9,054.65,

and the Standard & Poor's 500-stock

index ended up 3.73 at 1,109.55.

Gaining issues outnumbered losing

ones by a 4-to-3 ratio on the New

York Stock Exchange. The price of

the 30-year Treasury bond slipped 3/

32 point, to 102 22/32, sending the

yield up to 5.93 percent from 5.91

"The economy remains strong,

but inflation isn't a problem," said

Alan Koepplin, a bond manager at

Cowen Asset Management. "It's a standoff in the bond market."

costs should give corporate profits a

ment will be favorable for the mar-

ket," said Clifford Fox, a money man-

But for stocks, low borrowing

"A steady interest-rate environ-

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chance to expand.

The Dow Jones industrial average

The fact that the Fed decided to stay

13/16 to 301/a after announcing it would bundle and sell Lexmark In- computer networks. ternational printers and supplies with its personal computers in retail stores, an effort by Compaq to compete with

ager at Columbus Circle Investors.

Hewlett-Packard rose 3/8 to 661/2. Dell Computer rose 3/32 to 94-19/ news to come out to sell - you want 32 as investors braced for the computer maker's earnings. After the close, Dell Federal Reserve policymakers said it earned 44 cents a share, up from

Compaq Computer was the most after the company announced new perimental vaccines, for breast canactive issue on the Big Board, rising versions of software for testing year cer and for colon cancer. 2000 date-change conversions on

> Boston Chicken fell 1 15/16 to 3 charge to write down the value of initial 1,000 set-top boxes.

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UniView Technologies rose 11/ 16 to 2 9/32 after NuVision Technologies said it would bundle 1/16 after reporting a first-quarter UniView's set-top boxes and Inloss of \$312.6 million, compared ternet service with its own videowith a loss of \$21.5 million a year conferencing systems. The agree-earlier. The results reflected a ment calls for NuVision to buy an

L-3 Comm rose 41/2 to 261/2; the Titan Pharmaceuticals rose % to defense electronics company sold

(Bloomberg, AP)

# Dollar Hits I Tall The Transfer High In International Against Yen Compiled by Our Staff Form NEW York Sta

NEW YORK — The dollar rose to a seven-year high against the year Tuesday and is expected to rise fur. ther in coming days on speculation that the economic and political 1 crisis in Indonesia will crimp efforts to revive Japan's economy.

"Indonesia is a big problem."

said Alan Kabbani, senior trader at

#### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

First Union Corp. in Charlotte," North Carolina. "Solving it is go." ing to take a while." Mr. Kabbani said the dollar could rise to 138 yen in the coming weeks. The dollar rose to 136.395 yen in 4 P.M. trad-

ing from 136.225 yen Monday.

Trouble in Indonesia could hurr the Japanese economy and the yen because Japan is that nation's largest creditor and trading partner. Indonesian companies owe Jananese banks \$23 billion of the \$58 billion owed to foreign lenders, according to the Bank for International Settlements.

The U.S. currency was also<sup>2</sup>? helped against the yen amid ex-pectations that Japan's 16.65 tril-lion yen (\$122 billion) economyboosting package will not spur a recovery. The plan does not include 1. the permanent income tax cuts many economists say are essential to stimulating growth.

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The Japanese government isn't doing what's necessary to get the economy back on track," said Martin Zimmerman, chief economist at Ford Motor Co. "If you assume they'll continue to be characterized 22. by inaction, the yen will weaken further '

"Even if the Bank of Japan in-tervenes, it would probably be somewhat fruitless, as it has in the past," said Brian Fabbri, chief economist at Banque Paribas Capital Markets.

The dollar slumped against the Deutsche mark, pressured by comments from a Bundesbank council member, Ernst Weiteke, that a small German rate increase to achieve interest-rate convergence before European monetary union starts Jan. I could not be ruled out.

The dollar slipped to 1.7832 DM<sub>2.5</sub> from 1.7857 DM on Monday. It also ? fell to 5.9810 French francs from i 5.9880 francs the previous day and to 1.4808 Swiss francs from 1.4851; francs. The pound eased to \$1.6214 = from \$1.6217.

(Bridge News. Bloomberg)

# Sharing Kodak Moments by E-Mail

The service is similar to one

By Mike Mills Washington Post Service

alliance with America Online Inc. that will let people share family photographs on-line.

service will be called, will allow AOL subscribers to drop off a roll of film at almost any photofinishing retailer and direct electronic copies of their developed pictures to their AOL mailbox. The service is set to begin in the autumn.

Next to the familiar "You've got mail" sign on AOL's opening screen will be a new box that alerts users to the photographs, which can be viewed within 48 hours after the film is dropped off. The electronic photos then can be sent to other on-line subscribers as email, to be viewed on the screen or

already offered on the World Wide to store an unspecified number of Web by Picture Vision Inc., a Virimages free of charge for 30 days, WASHINGTON — Betting ginia-based company in which that a picture is worth a thousand e-mail messages, Eastman Kodak owns a 51 percent stake. Kodak owns a 51 percent stake. AOL would charge a per-image storage fee. AOL and Kodak will storage with America Online, which share all revenue from the project. has 12 million customers, will create a mass market. America Online mail, each consumer's picturealso said it was taking a 5 percent "You've Got Pictures," as the stake in Picture Vision, which will handle storage of consumers' images and will sell scanning equipment to photo retailers.

Trading photos this way is "going to be equal to, or more popular than, e-mail," said Barry Schuler, president of AOL Interactive Services. AOL subscribers send about 28 million e-mail messages a day.

The new service is aimed at computer and photographic novices --- people who lack digital scanners that can transfer a photograph to a computer's memory. Consumers would pay an extra \$5 e-mail and sent to them by AOL. To avoid photographic junk

All AOL users will be allowed

mail account will be accessible only by the consumer and the AOL-Kodak venture. Retailers would be compensated for scanning the images and for any

reprints they sell. At least initially, consumers would not be allowed to forgo traditional processing and simply order the AOL service, Kodak and AOL officials said. But they would be able to upload any other digital images they have to their AOL "photo album." Kodak's president, Daniel Carp,

said the quality of the digital re-prints would be "darn close" to that of traditional processing. But or \$6 to have the photos mrned into he said keeping negatives was the best way to get the highest quality.

# The Associated Press

Full ownership of Du Pont Merck Pharmaceutical Co. is a big step in the effort to concentrate on its life sciences

#### Savvy Microsoft Hires 'Best Lobbyists Money Can Buy months in order to gain better access ranked No. 16 among all computer publican National Committee chair-By Leslie Wayne to key lawmakers and regulators. It companies in campaign contributions man Haley Barbour; scores of former

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Whether it is giving free computer software to the Republicans, making befty campaign contributions or hiring some of Washington's priciest and bestconnected lobbyists, Microsoft Corp. is quickly maturing from being a novice in the ways of Washington to one of the most sophisticated players on Capitol Hill.

With the Justice Department and Senate investigators challenging Microsoft's grip on the computer

gress top Microsoft officials, most notably its chairman. Bill Gates. who has star power even among the most jaded of politicians.

'Microsoft has hired lobbyists who know exactly how the Washington game is played and are playing it in a sophisticated way," said Bill Hogan, a director at the Center for Public Integrity, a nonprofit research group. "Microsoft is getting the best lobbyists that money can buy, and they've got a lot of money.

has even made available to Con- in the 1991-92 election cycle with a congressional staff members, and paltry \$53,000 in donations to federal candidates and parties. Today, it is No. 1, having given \$298,219 as of last April in the current election cycle, including some \$99,000 in software to Republicans. Another \$100,000 is also on its way to the of its contributions to Republicans. Republican National Committee.

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several law firms, including the Washington office of Preston, Gates, Ellis & Rouvelas Meeds, where Mr. Gates's father, William Gates 2d, is a Microsoft is giving more than half

It has sent Mr. Gates to Washington Today, Microsoft's lobbying bill and New York to promote its Winruns to the millions - \$1.1 million in dows 98 software and deflect con-1996 and \$1.9 million in 1997, the gressional critics, and it has been clever in selecting whom it supports available. Microsoft's lobbying - key committee chairmen who industry, the company has gone on a Three years ago, Microsoft had no payroll includes four retired mem-spending spree in the last few lobbying office in Washington. It bers of Congress; the former Re-that affects Microsoft.

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# 's Quiet Now EU and U.S. Seek Ban **On Internet Tariffs**

Compiled by Our Sorf France Dripes, ten. GENEVA — The United States efforts Tuesday to keep cyberspace

a duty-free zone for at least a year, but emerging nations said they had problems with the concept.
U.S. negotiators lobbied envoys

from Pakistan and other members of the World Trade Organization, and EU officials indicated they were strongly backing the drive.

The officials were working on the fringes of a three-day WTO con-

ference on how to ensure that world markets stay open and that remaining barriers to trade are lifted in the next century.

The proposed agreement would bar governments for the next year from trying to collect tariffs on computer programs and similar electronic goods delivered across frontiers via the Internet. It would not cover Internet shopping, or the purchase of products that are ordered from a Web site but delivered by tradition-

al, nonelectronic means. U.S. officials have abandoned hope for an immediate agreement permanently barring tariffs and instead are seeking agreement on a ban, to be formalized Wednesday, that would run through the next WTO meeting of trade ministers, to

take place sometime in 1999. President Bill Clinton appealed to trade ministers Monday to act on the issue. Tariff barriers should not be stunt the most promising new economic opportunity in decades," he said.

No country has a system in place for charging duties on goods delivered electronically, and many specialists in the field say it would

be almost impossible to set one up. But several of the 132 WTO member nations are wary of being locked into a permanent pact. A Pakistani envoy said his country had concerns, poth legally and in principle, about

barring tariffs on Internet sales.
"We ask if such an issue should and the European Union stepped up be parachuted into the WTO at short notice without full consideration of all its aspects," said the Pakistani ambassador to Geneva, Munir Akram. He said even a one-year ban could be difficult for Pakistan,

"We don't know if it is compatible with our laws," Mr. Akram said. But an official from one of the

countries undecided on the issue indicated that Washington would probably get a minimal deal, saying, 'If those of us who have problems get a little wriggle room, it may be possible.' If completed, the agreement

could be the only tangible deal completed at the WTO meeting, which is in part a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the forerunner to the WTO, and is being attended by more than a dozen heads of state.

Charlene Barshefsky, the U.S. trade representative, said, "We have made very significant progress on the question of global electronic commerce here.

Separately, Ms. Barshefsky said Washington was ready to retaliate if the EU continued to block the sale of genetically modified corn from the United States

She said Washington was "considering all options" to force the EU to open its market to U.S. corn. French-led concern about the modified corn is unacceptable, U.S. officials say, because EU scientists have already cleared the products

"The French are holding up marketing approval," Ms. Barshefsky said, "and this threatens a very substantive trade row if these com varieties are not allowed market availability within the EU.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)



#### Palestinian High-Tech Drive Starts

Yasser Arafat, flanked by Shimon Peres, right, a former Israeli prime minister, and James Wolfensohn, head of the World Bank, opening a \$50 million fund for high-tech investment in Palestinian territories.

# **British Biotech Chief to Quit**

Bloomberg News LONDON - British Biotech PLC said Tuesday that Keith Mc-Cullagh, a founder and its chief executive for the past 12 years, would resign after weeks of controversy over claims made by a senior re-

The company also said it was seeking a strategic alliance with a major pharmaceutical company in the United States to develop Marimastat, its anti-cancer drug, and that exploratory discussions had been

under way since early this year. Mr. McCullagh's decision to step down Sept. 23 came after the company fired Andrew Millar, its former director of clinical research, saying he had improperly disclosed confidential company information. Mr.

Millar in turn accused the company of issuing excessively optimistic statements about its two major drugs in development, Marimastat for cancer and Zacutex for pancreatitis.

Mr. Millar, who ran the company's clinical-trial programs, acknowledged having met secretly with large shareholders to discuss his accusations. The company, which is considered the flagship of Britain's rapidly growing biotechnology research sector, said it would answer the claims in a meeting with analysts June 12. It also said it would dismiss 42 employees, or 14 percent

of its staff, to cut operating costs. British Biotech shares closed at 59 pence, down 3. The shares have lost more than 60 percent of their value since the beginning of February.

# **EU Affirms Duty-Free** Sales to End

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - European Union finance ministers rejected an attempt Tuesday to preserve duty-free shopping within the EU after June 30, 1999, ignoring industry warnings that ending duty-free sales will cause large job losses.

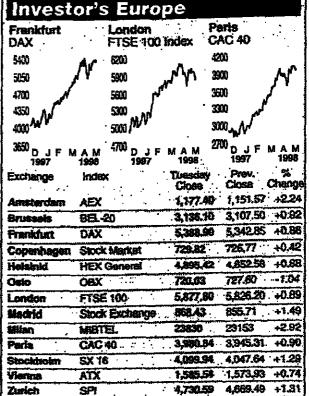
The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, argues that the duty-free sector distorts competition in the Union's single market, It says the sales at airports and ports or aboard ferry boats deprive governments of more than \$2 billion in tax receipts and encourage the consumption of tobacco and alcohol.

Proponents of the planned European single currency, the euro, say it will make tax and price differences among EU countries immediately apparent and encourage consumers to shop where prices are lowest.

Commission officials rejected the argument of the duty-free-goods industry that as many as 147,000 jobs will be lost if duty-free shopping is ended. The officials pointed to the example of the United States, where many airport terminals are virtual shopping malls without the benefit of such tax inducements.

But the ministers also asked the commission to draw up a list of measures that national governments could take - without spending any EU cash — to mitigate any ill effects of the abolition of duty-free shopping within the 15-nation Union.
The commission says the duty-

free industry has had ample time to adapt to new circumstances in the seven years since governments voted to abolish such sales within the EU. Airport stores will continue selling duty-free goods to travelers intending to take their purchases out of the EU.



#### Very briefly:

 Western Germany's business confidence index fell to 98.7 in April from a revised 98.9 in March, the Ifo economic research institute said

• BASF AG will buy back as much as 10 percent of its capital stock of 3.1 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.7 billion) after lawmakers clarified tax questions regarding the purchases.

• VIAG AG's first-quarter pretax profit rose 20 percent, to 806 million DM, led by its Bayernwerk electricity unit, its VAW aluminum subsidiary and its steel-trading operations. • Tulip Computers NV received a promise of financing from Royal Begemann Groep NV, which is exploring the possibility of taking over the Dutch computer company

· Britain's inflation rate rose to 3 percent in April, its highest level in almost six years, from 2.6 percent in March.

• Marks & Spencer PLC's pretax profit rose 6 percent in the year that ended in March, to £1.17 billion (\$1.89 billion), despite a fall in demand in Asia and the high value of the pound. • Eurocopter had a 1997 profit of 25 million French francs (\$4.2 million) after reporting losses ever since the French-

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# Suharto Connections Look Like Liabilities

# Firms Linked to Leader Are Struggling

JAKARTA - Can the web of companies associated with the family and friends of President Subarto survive without him? Don't bet on it, analysts and executives say.

Mr. Suharto's family — with an

estimated fortune of at least \$16 billion — has over his 32-year reign built a sprawling industrial empire that dabbles in businesses including flour milling, oil refining, airlines, taxis, toll roads, telecommunications and automaking.

Multinational companies — from General Motors Corp. and Nestle tailspin, its stock was trading at SA to Hopewell Holdings Ltd. — 4,525 rupiah. It finished at 425 rupi-SA to Hopewell Holdings Ltd. — 4,525 rupiah. It finished at 425 rupi-looking to tap into Indonesia's mar-ket of about 200 million people have formed relation people have formed relationships with Suharto relatives to ease their way.

With Mr. Suharto saying Tuesday that he planned to step down after elections to pick his successor, the from banks looks shaky, analysts is owned by his son - sell." said. Foreign companies may also have to rethink their strategies for doing business in the world's fourth

most populous country. The premium attached to firstfamily connections and first-family franchises is certainly going to evaporate quickly," said Charles sion in more than three decades. Whitworth, head of research at

Jardine Fleming Nusantara, a Jakana brokerage.

The decline in the fortunes of companies such as PT Bimantara Citra, a media and telecommunications company, and PT Citra Marga Nusaphala, a toll-road company, both run by children of Mr. Suharto, may be among the most visible signs

of a dynasty on the wane. The stock market already reflects that. Bimantara, controlled by Suharto's son Bambang Tribat-Indonesian economy started its the Jakarta benchmark stock index

has fallen 33 percent. Peter Arkell, head of sales at Kleinwort Beason Securities, said. "Fund managers are saying power of the clan built on govern- Suharto's going to fall, and one of the ment contracts and sweetheart loans biggest companies on the exchange

> Many Indonesians hold Mr. Suharto and his associates responsible for the financial problems that have led to the rupiah losing 80 percent of its value against the dollar in the past year as well as skyrocketing interest rates and the country's first reces-

Critics say nepotism is in large



modjo. In August, just before the Stockbrokers protesting near the Jakarta stock exchange Tuesday.

part to blame for the crisis, and Motors prospered. In 1995, its first companies that once saw a Suharto year, it sold 750 vehicles. That rose to connection as a ticket to success increasingly see it as a liability. "It's difficult to say how these

companies will find and sustain any new business franchises on the back of the new political environment in which they now find themselves, Mr. Whitworth said.

Foreign companies, too, will have to re-evaluate their ties to the Subarto family, perhaps changing the way they do business in the process. When GM was looking for a part-

ner, Probosutedjo, a half-brother of . Suharto's, seemed a wise choice. In September 1993, the automaker gave Mr. Probosutedjo a 40 percent take in the joint venture PT General Motors Buana Indonesia. General

3,600 in 1996 and 4,100 last year. The link to the Subarte family "certainly hasn't dene us any hann," William Bornick, GM's managing director in Jakarta, said this year. In January, though, GM bought out Mr. Probosutedjo and

took full control of operations Northern Telecom Ltd. of Canada wanted to set up a representative on "pork-barrel politics" to peroffice in Jakarta last year. It chose not to align itself with any particular member of the Suhano ramily, aid Malcolm Bayes, the company's Indonesia country manager.

I think people will not west to be fied to his family because those types of business will tend to be ostrocized

# Estrada Tries Investor's Asia To Reassure **Big Business** In Philippines

By Don Kirk International Head Tribune

MAKATI CITY, Philippines -Joseph Estrada, confident he will soon be proclaimed the winner of the presidential election that was held May 11, outlined an economic program Tuesday designed to allay fears of hig business while still appealing to those attracted by his populist themes during the campaign.

Mr. Estrada, the country's vice president, told a group that included some of the Philippines' most powerful business leaders that he would follow the policy of the in-cumbent president, Fidel Ramos, of liberalizing the economy. But he also promised to do away with what he saw as the flaws of the Ramos presidency. The worst failure, he said, was the reliance of Mr. Ramos suade an often recalcitrant Congress to support his policies.

"I will see to it that the pork barrel is abolished," Mr. Estrada said. Maintaining that at least 45 percent of the money the government spent on special projects was wasted in bribes and other forms of corruption, he vowed, "I will not be playing politics with them."

Mr. Estrada also promised to reduce the country's growing budget deficit, which he said reached \$326 million in the first quarter.

The vice presidential candidate on Mr. Estrada's ticket. Edgardo Angara, warned that the Philippines was in danger of economic turmoil similar to that engulfing other Asian countries, notably Indonesia, Thailand and South Korea. Underlining his remarks Tuesday, the Philippines stock exchange fell to its low-est level since Feb. 17, closing at 2.068.91, down 2.7 percent.

Calling the budget deficit "really staggering," Mr. Angara said, "We need to streamline our government to be more efficient."

Mr. Angara is expected to play a leading role in designing Mr. Estrada's economic policies even though he is thought to have little chance of becoming vice president. Voters in the Philippines can split their ballots, and partial returns show he is running behind Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, a popular senator and daughter of a former president.

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#### **Very briefly:**

• Japan's investment trusts, which are akin to mutual funds, rose 9.1 percent in value in April from the previous month, to 41.98 trillion yen (\$310.9 billion), the first increase since January, as companies channeled funds into money market accounts at the start of the new fiscal year.

• Pioneer Electronic Corp.'s profit more than doubled in the year to March 31, to 6.16 billion yen, helped by restructuring measures that included a work force cut of 1,000 employees,

· Victor Co. of Japan, a unit of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., had a net loss of 4.7 billion yen in the year to March, compared with a profit of 4.6 billion yen a year earlier. on slack consumer electronics demand and declining prices.

•Nikko Europe PLC, the European arm of Nikko Securities Co., agreed to buy RoadChef PLC, Britain's third-largest motorway services company, for about £175 million (\$283.7

 Development Bank of Singapore Ltd., bowing to a surge in benchmark interbank interest rates, raised its prime rate, the rate it charges its best customers, by half a percentage point, to 7.5 percent. The increase comes amid concern about political and economic strife in Indonesia, which has weakened the Singapore dollar against the U.S. dollar.

• Westpac Banking Corp. posted a 4.4 percent increase in firsthalf profit, to 666 million Australian dollars (\$413.7 million), as gains from its recent Bank of Melbourne and New Zealand acquisitions offset tough trading conditions in Australia.

• Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co., Japan's main telecommunications provider overseas, postponed its planned merger with a Toyota Motor Corp. affiliate, Teleway Corp., until Dec. 1 after talks hit a snag over the exchange of shares.

• Telecom Corp. of New Zealand reported a net profit of 820 million New Zealand dollars (\$436.8 million) for the year that ended March 31, up 41 percent from last year. Revenue rose 10 percent, to 3.4 billion dollars, amid high growth in cellular and other services.

# Sanctions Goad India Into Opening Economy

BOMBAY - The threat of sanctions after India's recent nuclear an excuse." tests may have helped the country's economy and stocks by prompting its government to speed the opening of the economy.
On Friday, India approved at least

compensate for a loss of aid from according to press reports this week. Japan and the United States. The projects, some of which had been delayed by bureaucratic bottlenecks for more than a year, included power plants and mining and oil-exploration ventures.

"What we saw last week was a clear attempt to remove all procedural hurdles, to smoothen foreign investments." said Saugata Bhattacharya, an analyst at Investment Research & Information Services Monday.

Ltd. in New Delhi. "I hope they

89 percent of new ports, and it will that, it must replace the lost aid, said allow foreign companies to own as Jaswant Singh, deputy chairman of much as 74 percent of highway proj-50 foreign-investment projects to ects, compared with 51 percent now,

> The Bombay stock index, in an apparent response to the moves, rose a total of 1.94 percent Monday and Tuesday after falling 4 percent last week. India's currency, the rupee, has recovered somewhat since last week's 2 percent slide after the nuclear tests. On Tuesday, the stock index closed at 3,942.42, up 0.87 percent, while the dollar slipped to 40.49 rupees from 40.50 rupees

The government stands by its from American and Japanese aid oropen up the economy, using this as a goal of helping the economy grow 7 an excuse." The government also could allow 1999, after growth slowed to 5 per-private companies to own as much as cent in the last fiscal year. To do

> economic strategy. The sanctions may result in higher costs for overseas borrowing. Indian companies may have to look to European banks for loans instead of U.S. banks, which lent at least \$2 billion to the Indian government last year, according to data from the U.S. State Department

the commission that drafts India's

Lenders will "make the best of the opportunity to dictate the cost of funds," said Dhaval Shah, a currency analyst at HDFC Bank Ltd. Among the companies that get cheap loans

ganizations are Industrial Development Bank of India and Industrial Credit & Investment Corp., and State Bank of India, a commercial hank.

#### ■ No Change, Boeing Says

Boeing Co.'s business in India has not been affected by economic sanctions imposed on the country by the United States last week, Dinesh Keskar, Boeing India's president, said, according to a Reuters report.

"Sanctions do not affect our ability to sell airplanes to any carrier in India," Mr. Keskar said. Newspapers had reported that the

aircraft maker's chances of winning a contract to sell 23 medium-capacity long-range aircraft to Air In-dia had diminished because of the U.S. sanctions.

# SCARDINO: A Drive to Make Pearson No. 1

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goal, one close associate said, of realizing double-digit annual growth for Pearson by refocusing the conglomerate's far-flung businesses into a sharper media orientation. She has, and as a result the company's stock, which in August 1997 stood at 666 pence (\$10.85) a share, has since jumped 56 percent to close at £10.36 on Tuesday.

Mrs. Scardino set out to get rid of some

assets that she or Pearson felt could not achieve much more while consolidating others into strong businesses that lead in their fields. The strategy, as outlined by Mrs. Scardino, is to focus on specific areas of growth including trade publishing, educational publishing and financial information, either in print, such as the Financial Times, or in electronic form.

That includes a \$170 million investment to try to expand the U.S. circulation of the Financial Times to 100,000 from 30,000 an effort now well under way, as the newspaper's circulation in the United States has. risen to 55,000. "For Pearson, the U.S. is a huge market,

and its appetite for business information is unrivaled anywhere," she said this week. "We are appealing to people truly interested in international business." Analysts have speculated that Mrs.

Anarysis have specified that Mrs. Scardino, who has said she only will keep assets that are directly managed by Pearson, may move to sell the company's stake in "passive" investments over which the company has no management control state. pany has no management control, such as its stake in The Economist or properties such as Madame Tussaud's.

Since she took over as CEO, Mrs. Scardino has sold £700 million in assets. A former lawyer and newspaper publisher, Mrs. Scardino has compiled a impressive record of success the most important of rubich may success, the most important of which may

have been to build up the circulation of The Economist magazine in the United States during the nine years she served as chief executive of The Economist Group.

Before that, she published a small newspaper in Savannah, Georgia, with her husband that won a Pulitzer Prize. She was also a partner in a law firm there.

Analysts say that perhaps her best asset is her American identity and experience, which allowed her to arrive in England without the emotional baggage that has saddled previous managers of the conglomerate she now runs.

She served notice that there would be no sacred cows and that nonperforming assets

She has installed two other Americans on the management team of six that runs Pearson. They are Michael Lynton, who manages Penguin, and Peter Jovanovich, the chief executive of Addison Wesley Longman who has been named to head the merger of Addison with Simon & Schuster's education division.

Mrs. Scardino and her team immediately set some high goals for the new merger, including annual cost savings of \$130 million by 2000 through "back office synergies" involving production, distribution, central management, property and administration. It was not clear what layoffs or job cuts might be in store, although some analysts say they expect some similar imprints to be combined or eliminated.

Since she burst onto the London corporate scene, Mrs. Scardino has steadfastly refused to talk about her gender, personal life or family and has rarely granted interviews that departed from discussing business.

Asked whether she was pleased by the

improved regard in which she now seems to be held by the British press, she said: "It's not personal. They think we have done good things and produced some results. That's

# Japan Builders Hit With Losses

Compiled by Our Staff From Departure

TOKYO - A set of gloomy earnings results released Tuesday by Japan's top construction companies reflected the difficulties they face as they try to shore up their weakened finances. Kajima Corp. said it would follow rivals

Shimizu Corp. and Taisei Corp. in taking an extraordinary loss this business year, citing the need to win back investors' trust.

Analysts said such losses would accelerate a shakeout of the industry that will leave weaker builders behind. Obayashi Corp. was the only one of the four not planning to take an extraordinary loss.

Kajima announced it would take an ex-traordinary loss of 210 billion yen (\$1.56 billion) this business year, which would force the firm into a loss on a parent net basis

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for the first time since listing in 1961. Builders expressed hope that planned government public spending of about 8 trillion yen would help support business in the latter half of 1998-99, but said that this alone would not

lead to a quick business recovery.

Obayashi said it had a 19.4 percent fall in parent pretax profit to 23.72 billion yen in 1997-98 and forecast a fall to 23 billion yen for this financial year.

Shimizu Corp. has indicated it plans to take extraordinary losses of about 220 bil-lion yen to March 1999, while Taisei took a

loss of 125 billion yen in 1997-98.

Shimizu had a 9.8 percent drop in current profit, to 23.08 billion yen, in 1997-98. Taisei posted a parent net loss of 112.27 billion yen in 1997-98, the first such loss since its listing in 1957. (Reuters. AFP) • Subscribe and SAVE up to 60% off the cover price. Also available: PAY MONTHLY by easy, low cost,

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# TV: Documentaries Take Off

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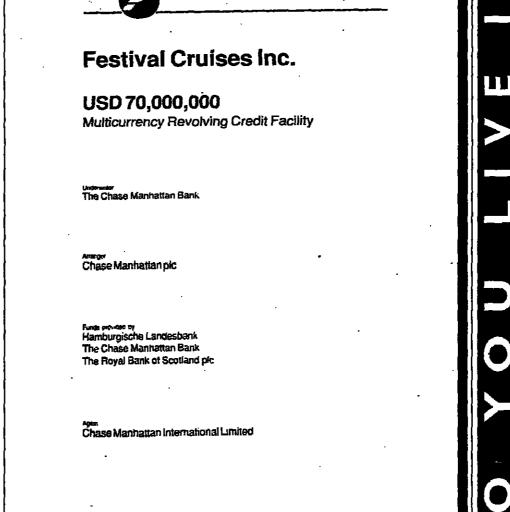
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## **Ukrainian Captures** Lead in Tour of Italy

CYCLING Sergei Gontchar of Ukraine snatched the pink jersey of the overall leader from Alex Zulle of Switzerland following a spill that split the group in two during the third stage of the Giro d'Italia on Tuesday. The stage was won by Nicola Minali of Italy

Gontchar, who trailed Zulle by only one second at the start of the stage, crossed the finish line 13 seconds ahead of the Swiss ace, who was delayed by the fall of four

Minali, of the Riso Scotti team, completed the 196-kilometer (121.5-mile) stage from Rapallo to Forte dei Marmi in four hours, 44 minutes and 34 seconds. (AP)

#### Marlins' Fans File Suits

BASEBALL Angered by the dis-mantling of their championship team, two Florida Marlins seasonticket holders filed separate lawsuits against the club Monday—
the first day court was open after the
seven-player trade Friday night
with the Los Angeles Dodgers that
left Florida's roster with even fewer of last year's players.
"I feel like I've been lied to," said

Octavio Fernandez, 33, whose suit in Dade County Circuit Court accused the Marlins of false advertising. Henry Handler, 44, an attorney

filed a breach-of-contract lawsuit in Palm Beach County Circuit Court. Two position players remain from the starting lineup in Game 7 of the World Series. Florida dumped 12 players from its roster to cut the payroll from \$53 million at the end of 1997 season to \$24

#### Sprewell Strikes Again

BASKETBALL The National Basketball Association says Latrell Sprewell plans to sue for damages stemming from his suspension for choking the Golden State Warriors' head coach, P. J. Carlesimo.

"We have been informed by attorneys representing Latrell Sprewell that they are planning to file a lawsuit based upon a claim that Dean Feerick's arbitration award, which upheld a suspension of 68 games, somehow violated Sprewell's rights, the antitrust laws and the labor laws," Jeffrey Mishkin, the NBA's chief legal officer, said in a statement.

"Any such claim would be totally absurd," the statement con-

# Lakers Improve, **But Utah Takes** 2-0 Series Lead

By Mike Wise New York Times Service

SALT LAKE CITY — They stayed close, letting Shaquille O'Neal take out all his aggression while the Los Angeles Lakers finally proved they belong in the Western Conference finals.

The Utah Jazz, like an undersized, savvy heavyweight trying to tire out a younger and stronger challenger, waited. And waited. Midway through the fourth quarter, the Jazz made their

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move. And the Lakers reverted back to that old, composure-challenged team you once knew.

Karl Malone scored 33 points, John Stockton added 22, and Utah took a 2-0 lead in the conference finals with a 99-95 victory over the Lakers.

The series shifts to Los Angeles for Games 3 and 4 beginning Friday, and four days may not be enough time to repair the Lakers' damage.

Leading 75-72 with 10 minutes, 15

seconds remaining, Utah went on an 11-0 run over the next five minutes. Chris Morris had two baskets inside, and the Lakers helped the cause with three straight turnovers.

The Lakers then came back from an 83-75 deficit, cutting the margin to 90-88 with less than 3 minutes left on a 5foot jump hook from O'Neal, but the Jazz's experience down the stretch was too much.

After his team was blown out by 35 points in Game 1, O'Neal was back to his old forceful self again. He dominated inside, ending with 31 points. Most of his field-goal attempts came within 2-3 feet of the rim, as Jazz players simply could not keep him out of the key.
But they did what they had to with the

game on the line, pushing, shoving and putting a forearm into the 7-foot-1-inch, 320-pound (2.16-meter, 144-kilogram) center's back as he bulled his way toward the goal.

About the same time the Lakers rediscovered their ability to disrupt an offense, their turbo-octane transition game returned, too.

When they weren't running down the floor, they were floating toward the rim. Kobe Bryant's breathtaking dunk on the left side with 3 minutes left in the second quarter — he threw the ball down after basically petrifying Bryon Russell with a crossover dribble — typified Los Angeles's resurgence.

For a few moments, Eddie Jones found his confidence. The lithe Laker shooting guard struggled to get six points in Game before going strong to the basket in

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Shaquille O'Neal of the Lakers shooting over Greg Ostertag of the Jazz.

But the Jazz never let the Lakers completely take control. With 35.5 seconds left in the third quarter, Jeff Hornacek tied the game at 69-69 with a layup underneath Elden Campbell. For all their effort, the Lakers held a one-point lead heading into the final quarter.

Without O'Neal, they would have been in far worse shape.

O'Neal returned from what he called his most inept game as a pro, a debacle that included seven turnovers and 6-for-16 shooting from the field. He had 19 points by halftime Monday night (his Game 1 total), and the Lakers repelled the Jazz as best they could to lead 50-49.

The hyperbole leading up to Game 2 included O'Neal's saying he would begin 'flaring his elbows' in response to Utah's physical play. Perhaps to quell that thought, the league assigned one of its most intolerant referee crews.

Between them, the officials Steve Javie, Terry Durham and Bill Oakes called a technical apiece on Malone and Greg Foster in the game's first eight minutes and made sure any contact in

That allowed the Lakers to roam a little freer in the lane and helped them keep their poise. The Jazz, meanwhile, turned into 12 squealing men.

'If you're going to use arguing with officials as a measure of composure, then Utah wouldn't qualify." Lakers Coach Del Harris said before the game. Probably nobody complains to the officials more than they do. Proof of that, their coach led the league in technicals, and Karl Malone led the league in technicals among players.

That is true. But the Lakers, too, often seem more preoccupied with what they can get away with rather than merely stealing home-court advantage and sending the series back to Los Angeles tied.

According to Harris, the Lakers were not only battling the Jazz, but also their recent inflated opinions of themselves. Many members of the national news media, impressed by how Seattle was run off the court in five games of the secondround series, picked the Lakers to dethrone the Jazz in the West.

'It is hard to keep our balance some-

# Will Champions Cup Bring Back Beauty?

Juve-Real Match Could Be One for the Books

By Rob Hughes International Herald Tribune

AMSTERDAM - As the temperature soars through the retractable roof of the remarkable Arena stadium here, is it too much to hope that Wednesday's European Champions Cup final between Real Madrid and Juventus will raise the game to a memorable height?

If there is beauty still in the soccer business, these are the teams and this is the moment to show it.

Real Madrid is an inconsistent team of consummate talents. Juventus is the most reliable collective force in the modern game. And if Real is to recapture the glory of 40 years ago, when the European Cup seemed to be its personal property, it has to thrill us, has to express its attacking skills to the full.

Early this season, Madrid had an irresistible forward momentum. But it lost that to a degree, which means that win or lose Wednesday, its German coach, Jupp Heynckes, will be history the next day. Too late for him, but perhaps in time for themselves, the stars of Real Madrid need to perform in Amsterdam, to go for the relative weakness of Juventus, its defense.

If that happens, and if Juve responds in kind, we really could be turning back the clock not merely to when Real's white shirts were the purest form of movement on grass, but even to the final night of Madrid's reign — a bewitching 7-3 victory in the 1960 final in Glasgow over Eintracht Frankfurt.

One of the more intriguing man-toman duels will pit Edgar Davids of Juventus against Clarence Seedorf of Real for the midfield terrain. They are young, gifted and black. They grew up together in Amsterdam in the Ajax academy and, like so many great names, were sold to the lords of the Continent.

Davids quit Holland's camp claiming that racism among his countrymen was keeping him out. Seedorf tried to be the appeaser, tried to ease the pains of his friend. Seedorf, you see, is a more worldly man, even though he is now 22. Davids is three years older. When the pair flew the Ajax nest a

few years ago, Seedorf had a season in Genoa with Sampdoria before finding his level at Real Madrid, for whom he scored from 45 meters one of the most astonishing goals that club has known. Davids had a tougher time with AC Milan, being labeled a "rotten apple" by Billy Costacurta, a defender, and feeling isolated and victimized again until Marcello Lippi, the Juventus coach, gambled \$5.5 million on being able to harness Davids' strengths.

gnor Lippi. Davids swiftly became not only an asset but the force — restless energy converted to tireless ball-winning power — that turned Juve's season from a period of uncharacteristic vulnerability into the potential champion once more. He rejuvenated Juventus, and Juventus salvaged the potential in him.

The Seedorf-Davids homecoming is close to the core of Wednesday's match But they are not, by any means, the major players or the most likely match-winners. These are clubs so extravagantly funded. so steeped in expectation and motivation, that there are individuals from around the world in key positions.
For Juventus, and for any team, no

one has scored more European goals than Alessandro Del Piero. He has an eye for a chance others never see. He has a right foot that can caress a ball through balletic arched flight into a tiny gap, and an ability to time his shots with a force up to 128 kilometers per hour (80 mph). And he can make colleagues play, help to make Filippo Inzaghi a hat-trick man to confound those of us who thought

him too lightweight for Juventus.

Behind them, cunning in mind and sinewy in motion, Zinedine Zidane is a Frenchman par excellence, Didier Deschamps a workman who holds the strategy together. Angelo Di Livio "the little soldier" tireless in his running. At the back, Paolo Montero is a forbidding Uruguayan guard, and Angelo Peruzzi

an acrobatic goalkeeper.

Real Madrid would be frightened were it not for the Latin flair, bordering on arrogance, in its ranks. It boasts forwards to spare, but may opt Wednesday for Predrag Mijatovic, a Montenegrin who can shoot a goal the way a sniper might take a life, together with Fernando Morientes, a powerful young Spaniard preferred to Davor Suker, a Croat.

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Their prompt, Raul Gonzales Blanco, arguably the finest creative talent in Spain, is a player in search of a great night of confirmation. To the left, Roberto Carlos is the Brazilian with the best left foot in the world, a positive spirit who can change a game quicker than most men change coats. On the right, Christian Karembeu provides energy, at the back, Fernando Hierro is. Montero's equivalent, and Bodo Ilgner, the goalkeeper, has commanding German order.

The teams are matched. Juventus might pack a wide midfield to block off Real's impetus down the flanks but, with any luck, ambition will stimulate an end-of-season finale that lives long in the memory.

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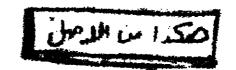
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York Yankees to a championship in 1996 was special to Joe Torre, but he says he feels he is part of something extraordinary this season. The Bronx's baseball team is challenging historical standards for excellence.

In pitching a perfect game against Minnesota on Sunday, David Wells provided the broadest and most colorful stroke. But the Yankees had already sketched the bold and meticulous lines of what could become a masterpiece, with a stifling defense, an offense that is patient and relentless, and surprisingly good pitching.

The Yankees have 28 victories and 9 losses, tied for the second-best start in their storied history; the Yankees of 1928 opened the season 30-7. The 1927 Yankees, considered to be one of the greatest teams ever, set the club record for victories with 110, against 44 losses. At their current pace, the 1998 Yankees would win 122 games.

Regular-season dominance does not necessarily translate into championships. The Cleveland Indians went 111-43 in 1954 but were swept in the World Series by the New York Giants. The Boston Red Sox went 51-21 to open the 1978 season and did not even make the playoffs.

Because of baseball's grinding 162game season, even the best teams will fall into three- or four-game slumps. But the Yankees, loaded with single-minded anese pitcher, whose emergence may be manager, Tony Muser, said.

The Associated Press

game is a nerve-racking experience. But take it from David Wells, it's nothing

compared with appearing on David Let-

Wells did the celebrity thing on Mon-

day night after retiring all 27 Minnesota

Twins batters on Sunday. "I was more nervous today," Wells said Monday.

scathed, trading a few barbs with Let-

terman, who seemed genuinely im-

Twins the way Clinton goes through

interns," Letterman said in his opener.

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pressed by his accomplishment.

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terman's television talk show.

NEW YORK - Pitching a perfect

May 8, the Yankees lost two games.

The Yankees lead the American League East by three and a half games and could quickly distance themselves from second-place Boston — they play the Red Sox seven times in the next two weeks. Shockingly, the Yankees could practically bury Baltimore in the standing this week: The aging Orioles, 13 games behind the Yankees in the loss column after Sunday's action, will play

ning Tuesday night. Deacon Jones, Baltimore's advance scout, tracked the Yankees for four games last week in preparation for this series and came away believing they are the best regular-season team in baseball since Cincinnati's Big Red Machine in the 1970s, a club that featured the likes of Johnny Bench, Joe Morgan, Pete Rose and Tony Perez. The Yankees'

three games at Yankee Stadium begin-

depth. Jones says, distinguishes them. "From the top of the lineup to the bottom, they get great at-bats," Jones said, punctuating his sentences with jabs of his thick hands. "They catch everything. They've got a great bullpen,

and their starting pitching is good." Jones offered his assessment an hour before Ramiro Mendoza shut down the Twins on Saturday, the day before Wells's perfect game, and after he had seen Hideki Irabu, the Yankees' Jap-

when nobody gets hit by a chunk of

That was followed by a shot at Wells's taste for refreshment: "He celebrated by

In fact, Wells had a postgame pizza

and some celebratory champagne. The pizza was apparently great. The bubbly was not. "That killed me," he said. "I

Letterman asked Wells about the con-

gratulatory phone call he received from

the Yankees' owner, George Steinbren-

ner. Wells dropped his voice to a deep

Steinbrennian bass and boomed:

Later, Letterman referred to Stein-

brenner as a "nosebleed" and talked

retiring 27 Heinekens in a row."

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hate that stuff.'

"Good job, Dave!"

object of deafening jeers at Yankee Sta-dium. Shaken by his experience, Irabu was determined to change in the oft

season. And with the guidance of Mel Stoulemyre, the pitching coach, Irabu has become, in the minds of several opposing managers, one of the league's most dominant pitchers.

Irabu (2-0) is throwing an overpowering fastball and maintaining his composure, and has a 1.11 carned run average. He has not allowed more than one run in any of his five starts. David Cone's recovery from

shoulder surgery has been problematic, and he jokingly refers to himself as the weak link in the rotation, yet he has won five of six decisions. Wells, in spite of his run-ins with Torre over his physical condition, is also 5-1. Mendoza has not walked a hitter in his last 18 innings. Art Howe, manager of the Oakland

Athletics, says the Yankees' best offseason improvement was adding the defense of Chuck Knoblauch at second base and Scott Brosius at third. "They help their pitching so much," Howe said. Many scouts and coaches say Brosius

may be the best at charging and barehanding slow grounders since Brooks Robinson played for the Orioles. And Derek Jeter, the shortstop, may

be "the most underrated defensive player in baseball." the Kansas City Royals'

Yankee Stadium. Wells would not be

drawn into that debate except to say, "If

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they move it, they'd better build an exact replica."

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Giuliani in a City Hall ceremony today.

Wells said of his conversation with the

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Wells said the perfect game was no

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when I'll get my but kicked," he said.
"And they'll say, 'How'd he do that?"

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Ken Griffey Jr. being congratulated by Alex Rodriguez after his 16th home run, tying the two for the AL lead.

# Griffey's 16th Helps Rough Up Clemens

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 16th home run to tie his teammate Alex Rodriguez for After Perfect Game, Wells Gets Star Treatment the American League lead and the Seattle Mariners scored the most runs off Roger Clemens in seven years, beating the Toronto Blue Jays, 9-4.

Clemens (4-5) allowed nine earned runs and 10 hits in five innings on Monday night in Toronto. It was only the third time in his career that the fourtime Cy Young Award winner has given up nine earned runs in a game. The last time came seven years ago to the day against Texas.

Athletics 14, White Sox 0 In Chicago, Mike Blowers hit for the cycle, Scott Spiezio hit a grand slam and Jimmy Haynes (3-1) pitched a six-hitter for his first career complete game.

Blowers, 4-for-5 with four runs batted in, became the first Oakland player to hit for the cycle since Tony Phillips at Baltimore on May 16, 1986. Blowers homered off Mike Sirotka (5-4) leading off the second, flied out in the third, hit

a two-run double in the fifth, singled in the seventh and tripled in the eighth. Tigers 11, Angels 2 In Detroit, Brian

Hunter had four hits, scored three runs and threw out two successive runners at

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the plate from center field as the Tigers routed Anaheim.

Devil Rays 6, Orioles 3 Tampa Bay became the second expansion team in baseball history to sweep a four-game series on the road as Dave Martinez drove in two runs in a victory over Baltimore, which lost its fifth straight

Randy Winn had three hits for the Devil Rays, who trailed for only a halfinning throughout the entire series and outscored Baltimore, 22-9. The other first-year team to sweep a four-game series away from home was the 1993 Colorado Rockies, who did it against the

Los Angeles Dodgers. In the National League:

Martins 7. Cardinals 3 Mike Piazza hit a two-run triple as Florida overcame Mark McGwire's 17th homer to beat the Cardinals in St. Louis, McGwire pulled St. Louis to 5-1 with a shot in the fourth inning off Jesus Sanchez (3-1).

Rockies 8, Browers 5 Vinny Castilla hit a two-run homer, tying McGwire for the major-league lead with 17, as the Rockies beat the Brewers in Denver.

The starters, Jeff Juden of Milwaukee and Pedro Astacio of Colorado, were ejected in the fifth inning after Juden hit Astacio in the back with a pitch and Astacio drew his bat back in a threatening gesture toward Juden. Both benches emptied, but there was no fighting.

Braves 4, Astros 0 In Houston, Tom

Glavine (6-2) combined with two relievers on a seven-hitter and Atlanta got its fifth shutout, tying Pittsburgh for the National League lead.

Diamondbacks 9, Pirates 2 Devon. White and Matt Williams homered and Willie Blair got his first victory of the season as host Arizona beat Pittsburgh.

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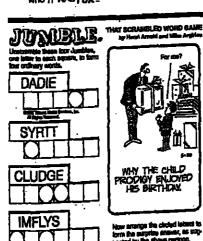


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# Life Among the Swells

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Whenever I need to feel humble I there. Some people keep a of \$899,860.01 on an investchild or two in college, poor ment of \$139.99. But then, devils. Instead, I keep a house aren't there things more prein Nantucket

It's a lot cheaper. For one thing, a house doesn't insist on being flown home 12 times soon become a priceless spira year, to France every summer and to India for occa- money and all that chic poursional mystic regeneration. So I keep this house, which I be the perfect place to hunker bought for \$39.99.

All right, \$139.99. That was several years ago. Nantucket was still undiscovered by Town & Country. Wall Street and Texans with private jets big enough to being a place nobody went to. their fireplace kindling.

That's why I went. Neighboring houses that

a restaurant table was irres- money are being reborn as istible. "And the beauty mansions to advertise the part," said the real estate power of warriors who have agent, "is, you'll never have conquered Wall Street. to stand around at sundown holding a wine spritzer and how long my \$139.99 house chatting up Barbra Streisand will be tolerated in its un-

and Robert McNamara." \$139 and down, it was a Para-dise for nobodies. Who cared that nobody goes to, and it if the wind was sometimes so looks like a relic of Nantuck-fierce that you had to keep et's nobody era. your mouth shut to keep from having your tongue blown commandeered by Somebodback down your throat?

Then, one morning several years ago, just at breakfast time, catastrophe!

An investment banker filled with money and had seen my house, and would I from shame, take \$900,000 for it before

finishing my coffee? As it must on all splendid unruined places, Big Bad Money had landed on Nantucket

I might have sold deget the car out and head for spite knowing it would be Nantucket. I keep a house indecent to make a profit

cious than wealth? It was immediately clear that a Nantucket house would itual asset. With all that ing in on the island, it would down whenever arrogance began to warp my character.

I am there at this very moment. All around me, \$139.99 houses are being gutted, re-built and expanded at the carry 250 passengers. Nobody built and expanded at the went to Nantucket in those pleasure of people who use days. It was world-famous for million-dollar bills to ignite

The lure of not having to once were normal house-size compete with Steven Spielberg and Henry Kissinger for whom \$139.99 was real

It's not altogether clear gutted, unexpanded, unredec-With houses selling for orated condition. I bought it

Now the island has been ies. I'm not saying they'd get together and burn my house. I wouldn't be surprised, though, if I arrived on the island one of these days and found they'd phoned me at home. He was had it rebuilt, doubled in size in Nantucket toting a trunk and redecorated half to death. Just to save the neighborhood

# When Journalism Takes a Back Seat to Business

By Robin Pogrebin
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Madonna wanted a contract. She would pose for Rolling Stone's 30th anniversary cover story on women in rock under certain conditions several single-spaced, typed pages of them to be exact. Among her terms: she could approve the layout, approve the photographs and own the copyright to the photographs.

The magazine said no to layout approval

but relented on the photo approval and the copyright, and she appeared on the cover last fall, along with the singers Tina Turner and Courtney Love.

So it often goes in the world of the celebrity magazine cover. Madonna's negotiation is just one example of how stars are gaining control over the way magazines present their images and how magazines have come to accommodate them.

Magazines and stars have always been engaged in a dance of mutual self-interest. But as publications have become more desperate to sell their covers in an intensely competitive marketplace, stars and their publicists have grown more powerful. The result has been an increasingly cozy, complicated relationship between the two sides that publicists say is good business but that many editors believe has spun out of control.
"It's a quagmire," said Michael Caruso,

editor of Details magazine and a veteran of Los Angeles magazine and Vanity Fair. The balance of power has shifted from a time when movie stars needed magazines to vice versa. There are certain unwritten things that were absolutely verboten - and those

keep seeming to be chipped away at."
Concessions that might have been out of the question a few years ago — giving publicists approval over writers, photographers and sometimes quotations — are now common, according to interviews with editors, writers, publicists and Hollywood executives.

Along the way, publicists say they have learned not only how to divvy up access to stars, but also how to ensure that articles convey the right message. "It has reached the point where anything I read I presume has been affected in some way, that it has been negotiated, transformed, that there are many hands on it," said Terry Press, the head of marketing at DreamWorks SKG, the film studio. "As a result, every profile reads the same, because all the information in them is parceled out and controlled."





Graydon Carter, left, editor of Vanity Fair, and Michael Caruso, editor of Details.

The issue was raised recently when Jerry is over and the celebrities and publicists have magazine accused the writer, Lynn Hirschberg, of giving him the piece. She denied it. But one thing was not in dispute: The comedian asked Hirschberg to make changes in the article - albeit relatively minor ones -

alerting her editor to Seinfeld's involvement. publication seems to be the exception - but it happens. "We've gotten pieces in advance a number of times," said Harvey Weinstein, co-chairman of Miramax, a film distributor. 'We've also gotten things read to us as an accommodation. There is some flexibility that I've seen, and that is not a bad thing, because it's a way of correcting gossip.

which is deadly."

Some publicists give a magazine rigid parameters about what questions a reporter can ask or what sources can be interviewed. Publicists barter with magazines — I'll give you this big star if you feature this little star.

For photo shoots, publicists have been known to specify a celebrity's makeup, clothing and food preferences — even the leases a photographer will use. "For too many publications, it's almost like the battle

Seinfeld obtained a copy of Vanity Fair's won," said Landon Jones, who edited People Jones said. "And when I left, we were getting cover profile of him before publication. The magazine from 1989-97 and is now vice access almost none of the time." president of strategic planning at Time Inc.

Magazines say they have no choice but to put celebrities on their covers. With an increasing number of magazines and television news-magazine shows with raging celebrity and she tried to accommodate him, without appetites, magazines are fighting for attention in a culture that cannot seem to get Allowing subjects to read a piece before enough of famous faces. "We've gained ground because it's a fact: Celebrities sell everything from magazine covers to cereal,' said Leslee Dart of the publicity firm PMK.

Esquire is one of them. "It's something we wrestle with every day, in every meeting," said its editor, David Granger. "Whether you can accurately reflect what's in the magazine when you have to put someone famous on your cover every month."

Many publishing companies have hired inhouse people whose job is strictly to deal with Hollywood and negotiate covers. At Esquire, that person is Lisa Hintelmann, who has the advantage of having been on the other side; she used to work for PMK. "It's ludicrous," she said of the process. "On an average cover, the number of phone calls back and . forth totals about 50, over several months."

need magazines more than ever. Because movies have become so costly to produce, the stakes of promotion have become much higher. That pressure has created another dynamic.

Magazines are having a more difficult time securing exclusive arrangements with stars. "This is where freedom of the press stops." Pat Kingsley of PMK said. "They say, 'But you can't do any other covers before ours,' and I say, 'Well, that's the way the game is.'

Advertising is so expensive that you've got to have more publicity than that." Of course, magazines that cannot get interviews with certain big-time stars often write about them anyway, cobbling together cover stories with stock photo footage and

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quotations from clips.

This has its costs. Publicists may punish magazines because they feel strongly that such "write arounds" undermine the commitments the stars have made to other magazines and that they deceive the reader. "I consider that dirty pool," said Catherine Olim of PMK. People magazine has made a success out of writing celebrity profiles without the celebrities. But Jones, People's former managing editor, said writing around has had its price. "Typically, we were getting access almost all the time when I went into the job,"

And in the chess game between publicist and magazine, objectivity has its risks.

"I think it gets more difficult in the area of how truthful you are about a subject, because you're dealing not just with somebody you might want to put on the cover again some time," Caruso said. "You're dealing with somebody whose girlfriend or boyfriend you might want to put on the cover, and with publicists who you're going to need in the

To some degree, people in the media say deals are becoming increasingly unnecessary, because magazines give celebrities an easy ride anyway. That is partly because of the limits on the art of the celebrity profile, editors say.

"The limits are that those people's lives are pretty similar," said Graydon Carter, editor of Vanity Fair. "They go on location, they try to quote unquote keep it real, they make more money than is reasonable. If you didn't need them on the cover, I probably wouldn't even do them.'

The bottom line is that magazines and stars cannot live without the other. And that means Publicists do not hold all the cards. They the slippery slope may just get slicker.



Daniel Baldwin, right, leaving court with his lawyer.

THE Austrian novelist, playwright and feminist Elfriede Jelinek has been awarded the 1998 Buechner prize, masculine domination, portray oppressed women. Her works have been assailed in Austria, but have won a wider following in Germany. She is the seventh woman to win the 60,000 Deutsche mark (\$33,300) prize, named after the 19th century German playwright Georg Buechner.

Lawyers for the estate and memorial fund of Diana, Princess of Wales, are suing the Franklin Mint, seeking to stop up to one year in jail if he is convicted. sales of dolls, plates, jewelry and other memorabilia bearing her name and likeness. In the federal lawsuit filed in Los days of her death in August, the Franklin Mint was advertising its top-selling toy, but Judge William Matthew Byrne Jr. a "Princess Diana Tribute Plate," and followed that with a dismissed the claims, saying the song was a parody. "Diana Princess of Wales Porcelain Portrait Doll."

1993, will release her winning track, "Diva," in Britain on June 8. Under the terms of the deal, she will also put out an Germany's highest literary distinction. Jelinek, 51, rose to album later in the year, a Sony spokeswoman said. Dana fame with novels and plays that, in an acid criticism of International, who has been criticized by some Orthodox Jews

**PEOPLE** 

The actor Daniel Baldwin did not enter a plea when he was arraigned on a misdemeanor drug charge stemming from an alleged cocaine-fueled rampage at the Plaza Hotel in New York in February. Released on \$1,000 bail, Baldwin, 37, faces

Angeles, Mark Lee and James Cameron accused the Frank-lin Mint of unlawfully exploiting Diana's name "like vultures"

A federal judge in Los Angeles has dismissed a lawsuit brought by the toy maker Mattel Inc. against MCA Records feeding on the dead" by selling products for which the estate over the hit pop song "Barbie Girl" by the Danish group Aqua. had refused to issue them a license. The suit says that within Mattel said it did not give MCA permission to use the name of

Philippine officials are looking for an American who duked it Dana International, the Israeli transsexual who won the out with a high-school classmate named Joseph Estrada in Eurovision song contest, has signed a recording deal with 1953 — so they can invite him to Estrada's presidential Sony Music UK, the company said. The singer, who was known as Yaron Cohen before her sex change operation in both boys expelled, with setting him on the path that eventually

led to the presidency, Foreign Minister Domingo Siazon said. "That guy changed Estrada's life," said Siazon, also a former classmate of Estrada's. "If not for the fistfight, Estrada could have gone on in school and ended with another job." After his scuffle with Patrick Hilton, Estrada moved to another school. He later dropped out of college and became a tough-guy B-movie actor, which became his launching pad to politics. Siazon said Hilton may now be living in the United States.

# A Quick Read of Joycean 'Filth'

New York Times Service

LONDON — The British prosecutor who decided in 1922 that James Joyce's "Ulysses" was obscene read only a few dozen pages at the end of the novel. The Guardian has reported.

In an excerpt from government documents that were supposed to be withheld for 100 years, the newspaper said Sir Archibald Bodkin, the director of public prosecution. concluded that "Ulysses" was obscene after a copy was seized at Croydon airport on Dec. 22, 1922.

"I have not had the time, nor, may I add, the inclination to read through this book," he wrote. "I have, however, read pages 690 to 732. There is a great deal of unmitigated filth and obscenity." The novel was barred from publication or sale in Britain until 1936.



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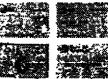
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